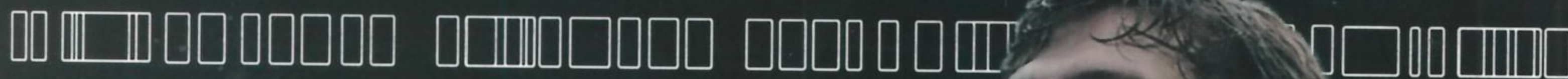


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SAM RUSH

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE iPRO STADIUM ON BEHALF OF EVERYBODY FROM DERBY COUNTY FOR THE 2013-14 SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE AGAINST BOLTON WANDERERS.

 **We look forward to extending a warm welcome to officials, management, players and in particular supporters of Bolton who have made sacrifices to ensure they can make the journey to watch the game. We were held to a closely-fought draw in September when we played at the Reebok Stadium and I am sure, in this return fixture, we will have another close and competitive encounter tonight.**

While the Millwall game didn't turn out as well as we all would have liked on Saturday, I was pleased to see so many of you spending your Sunday in such high spirits at our 'Sign Up Sunday' event at the iPro Stadium. We have sold around 3,000 more season tickets than at the same time last season and the increased support means a huge amount to everyone associated with the club.

It was great to see Steve, Paul and Eric mingle freely with the

fans and answer a few searching questions during their 'Q&A Session' and it was also good to see Andy Appleby and Brett Wilson, from our Ownership Group, chat with the supporters and discuss their hopes and aspirations for the coming times. The on going substantial commitment from the owners continues to keep the club on a sound financial footing and ensures we are a competitive and ambitious club in a very challenging environment.

While nothing is more important than the accumulation of points as we seek to remain at the top of this league, it is nice for the club to be recognised by our governing body and the latest nomination for Will Hughes, as Young Player of the Year, means we now have been nominated for four awards at the forthcoming Football League Awards event on Sunday - a total that is greater than any other club.

Will is the highest profile recent graduate of our Academy but it is also pleasing to learn that quality additions may not be too far behind him. Saturday's excellent 5-0 and 4-0 wins for the Under-18s and Under-16s respectively against Nottingham Forest was a tribute to the hard work that has been put in by Darren Wassall, his coaching staff and the players alike throughout the year.

Back to tonight's game and let's ensure there's plenty of noise behind the team. Your support throughout the season has been immense and we need to raise it to an extra level now as we enter the final stretch.

Up the Rams!

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THERAM



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DERBY COUNTY vs BOLTON WANDERERS

Welcome to tonight's edition of The Ram, as Derby County take on Dougie Freedman's Wanderers at the iPro Stadium.

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Division One: Champions 1971-72, 1974-75; runners-up 1895-96, 1929-30, 1935-36; **Division Two:** Champions 1911-12, 1914-15, 1968-69, 1986-87; runners-up 1925-26, 1995-96; play-off winners 2006-07; **Division Three (North):** Champions 1956-57; **FA Cup:** Winners 1946; runners-up 1898, 1899, 1903; **League Cup:** Semi-final 1968, Semi-final 2009; **Texaco Cup:** Winners 1972; **Watney Cup:** Winners 1970; **Charity Shield:** Winners 1975; **European Cup:** 1972-73 semi-final; 1975-76 second round; **UEFA Cup:** 1974-75 third round, 1976-77 second round; **Anglo-Italian Cup:** Runners-up 1993.



HEAD COACH'S NOTES

STEVE McCLAREN

WELCOME TO THE iPRO STADIUM FOR THIS EVENING'S MATCH AGAINST BOLTON WANDERERS.

The month of March is a very busy one for us and we're entering our third game inside ten days already - and there's no letting up in the workload during the next few weeks.

Tonight is our last midweek evening fixture of the season at home and as footballers will tell you, there's always something special about playing under the floodlights here at the iPro Stadium - so hopefully we can sign off in that respect with a victory.

I think it is fair to say Saturday's game against Millwall was a frustrating one for everyone. We're very disappointed and for the first time I can remember we didn't produce the quality we are capable of at home.

We controlled the game but the final third is where it really matters and we can't make any excuses. It's a thunderbolt for us and we need to react to it.

Moving to off the field matters, the club held its 'Sign Up Sunday' event at the iPro Stadium on Sunday and it was a great opportunity to meet our supporters. I've said it many times before but it genuinely is true; the support we have received from the word go has been superb.

To meet hundreds of fans and get a taste of the positive vibes and feelings they have for the club is always a great experience. I understand season ticket sales are looking positive for next

GAMES HAVE ADDED IMPORTANCE AT BOTH THE TOP AND BOTTOM END OF THE TABLE NOW AND IT'LL BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP OUR NERVE, REMAIN PATIENT AND FIND DIFFERENT WAYS TO WIN MATCHES...

season already and that's great to hear.

We want as many fans as possible to be part of next season, no matter what division we find ourselves in. One of our main objectives when we arrived was to get the excitement back amongst Derby County fans - so it's very satisfying to see smiles on faces right now and long may it continue.

Speaking of our supporters, we want to play a certain way and I think over the last few weeks they have played an instrumental role in helping the side. For example, against Bournemouth things weren't quite going our way and it would have been easy to get frustrated and let that feeling transfer onto the pitch.

If anything, it seemed to have the opposite effect and the backing we received really drove the team on and Chris Martin's late goal was a reward for that. I think the fans know how important they

can be and understand how we approach games and how we tackle situations when things aren't quite working for us.

Patience is something we have spoken about lately and I think we're all going to have to be patient during games at this stage of the season. Games have added importance at both the top and bottom end of the table now and it'll be important for us to keep our nerve, remain patient and find different ways to win matches.

Tonight we welcome Bolton Wanderers to the iPro Stadium and they've certainly improved their form in recent weeks so they'll be a difficult proposition for us. Their squad contains some good, experienced players and they have a very good manager in Dougie Freedman as well.

Dougie enjoyed a good playing career and he has started his managerial career positively. He did a good job at Crystal Palace and I am sure, given time, he will be able to lay similar foundations at the Reebok Stadium.

As we've said for many months now, it is all about us. We must retain our focus on what we can do and how we must go about our jobs and if we do that once again tonight, we'll put ourselves in a good position to pick up all three points.

Enjoy the game.

Steve McClaren

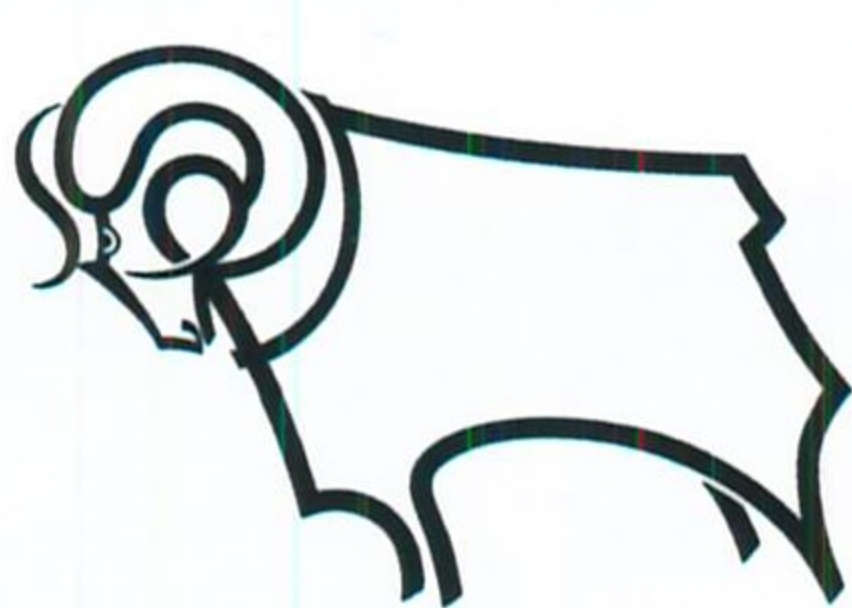


THERAM



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MATCHDAY PREVIEW

THE RAM PREVIEWS THIS EVENING'S iPRO STADIUM CLASH BETWEEN DERBY COUNTY AND BOLTON WANDERERS.

LAST GAME LINE-UPS

DERBY COUNTY vs Millwall (H)



BOLTON vs Leeds United (A)



FORM GUIDE:

Derby County last five:

10/02	.....	Queens Park Rangers (H)	.....	W 1-0
18/02	.....	Sheffield Wednesday (A)	.....	W 1-0
22/02	.....	AFC Bournemouth (H)	.....	W 1-0
01/03	.....	Burnley (A)	.....	L 2-0
08/03	.....	Millwall (H)	.....	L 1-0

Bolton last five:

11/02	.....	Burnley (A)	.....	L 1-0
15/02	.....	Millwall (A)	.....	D 1-1
22/02	.....	Watford (H)	.....	W 2-0
01/03	.....	Blackburn Rovers (H)	.....	W 4-0
08/03	.....	Leeds United (A)	.....	W 5-1

HEAD TO HEAD:

Our league record against Bolton is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home.....	58	37	13	8	133	63
Away.....	59	20	7	32	78	115
TOTAL.....	117	57	20	40	211	178

FIRST MET IN LEAGUE:1888-89

DOUBLES ACHIEVED: ...17 DOUBLES CONCEDED: ...7

HIGHEST SCORING WINS:

Home:6-1, 1893-94

Away:6-3, 1888-89

HIGHEST SCORING DEFEATS

Home:1-3, 1946-47; 2-3, 1888-89 & 1964-65

Away:1-7, 1889-90

LAST HOME WIN:1-0, 2001-02

LAST AWAY WIN:3-1, 2001-02

LAST HOME DRAW:1-1, 2012-13

LAST AWAY DRAW:2-2, 2013-14

LAST HOME DEFEAT:0-2, 1981-82

LAST AWAY DEFEAT:0-2, 2012-13

TONIGHT'S REFEREE:

Keith Chapman introduces today's match referee...

GRAHAM SCOTT

From: Oxfordshire

Joined Football League list: 2008

Bio: Scott has been a Football League referee since 2008-09 season. The Oxfordshire based referee refereed his first Football League game between Barnet and Chesterfield in August 2008. Scott last refereed Derby County in February 2012 when County visited Southampton. Scott has showed 83 yellow cards and 10 red cards in 24 games so far this season.

STATS - THIS SEASON (2013/14)

Games: 24 Yellow cards: 83 (3.45 average per game)

Red cards: 10 (0.41 average per game)



SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE TABLE 2013-14														
		HOME						AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LEICESTER	33	13	3	1	37	15	10	2	4	25	17	+30	74
2	BURNLEY	34	11	6	0	30	10	8	6	3	24	17	+27	69
3	DERBY	34	9	3	5	29	21	9	4	4	31	22	+17	61
4	QPR	33	11	4	2	25	13	6	5	5	15	13	+14	60
5	NOTTM FOREST	34	9	5	3	32	21	5	8	4	22	19	+14	55
6	READING	34	7	6	4	31	18	7	4	6	21	21	+13	52
7	WIGAN	32	8	5	2	23	14	7	2	8	18	16	+11	52
8	BRIGHTON	33	7	6	4	23	16	6	5	5	12	12	+7	50
9	IPSWICH	34	9	4	4	25	15	3	8	6	19	24	+5	48
10	BLACKBURN	33	8	4	4	22	13	4	6	7	17	28	-2	46
11	WATFORD	33	8	3	6	25	16	3	9	4	23	23	+9	45
12	LEEDS	33	7	4	5	27	20	5	4	8	18	25	0	44
13	MIDDLESBRO	34	7	8	2	25	12	3	5	9	18	25	+6	43
14	HUDDERSFIELD	34	8	4	5	29	20	4	3	10	16	26	-1	43
15	BOURNEMOUTH	33	7	4	6	25	19	4	5	7	18	32	-8	42
16	SHEFF WED	33	6	3	7	24	19	3	9	5	15	21	-1	39
17	BOLTON	34	4	9	4	24	17	5	3	9	22	33	-4	39
18	BIRMINGHAM	34	2	7	8	20	23	7	2	8	19	21	-5	36
19	BLACKPOOL	34	5	6	6	16	18	3	5	9	13	31	-20	35
20	DONCASTER	34	7	4	6	21	21	1	5	11	9	32	-23	33
21	MILLWALL	34	5	5	7	19	26	2	5	10	13	35	-29	31
22	YEOVIL	33	4	4	9	13	18	3	4	9	17	30	-18	29
23	BARNLEY	33	5	7	5	20	27	1	4	11	11	29	-25	29
24	CHARLTON	30	4	4	6	12	16	2	5	9	12	25	-17	27

DERBY COUNTY 2013-14 ROLL CALL							
		LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APPS	GLS	APP	GLS	APP	GLS
1	LEE GRANT	34	0	4	0	38	0
3	CRAIG FORSYTH	34	1	4	0	38	1
4	CRAIG BRYSON	32 (1)	12	1 (1)	0	33 (2)	12
5	SHAUN BARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	RICHARD KEOGH	30	1	3	0	32	1
7	PAUL COUTTS	3 (5)	0	3	0	6 (5)	0
8	JEFF HENDRICK	10 (9)	0	2	0	12 (9)	0
9	CHRIS MARTIN	33	15	3 (1)	3	36 (1)	18
10	JAMIE WARD	26 (5)	7	1	0	27 (5)	7
11	JOHNNY RUSSELL	15 (12)	5	1	0	16 (12)	5
12	LEE NAYLOR	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	JOHN EUSTACE	25 (4)	1	2	0	27 (4)	1
15	MARK O'BRIEN	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	BEN DAVIES	1 (3)	0	1 (2)	0	2 (5)	0
17	KIERON FREEMAN	5 (1)	0	1	0	6 (1)	0
18	CONOR SAMMON	2 (27)	2	3 (1)	2	5 (28)	4
19	WILL HUGHES	32 (1)	3	3 (1)	1	35 (2)	4
20	MASON BENNETT	1 (11)	1	0 (2)	0	1 (13)	1
21	VALENTIN GJOKAJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	CALLUM BALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	MICHAEL HOGANSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	MATS MORCH	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	JAKE BUXTON	32 (2)	2	4	0	36 (2)	2
26	ADAM LEGZDINS	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	ZAK WHITBREAD	3	1	0	0	3	1
28	JAMIE HANSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	MAX LOWE	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	JAMES BAILEY	0	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
31	KWAME THOMAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	SIMON DAWKINS	17 (3)	3	1	0	18 (3)	3
33	ANDRE WISDOM	22	0	1	0	23	0
35	PATRICK BAMFORD	6 (4)	5	0	0	6 (4)	5
37	KELLE ROOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	SAUL DEENEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	ADAM SMITH	7 (1)	0	2	0	9 (1)	0
-	MICHAEL JACOBS	0 (2)	0	1 (2)	1	1 (4)	1
-	KALIFA CISSE	1 (2)	0	0	0	1 (2)	0
-	MICHAEL KEANE	4 (3)	0	1	0	5 (3)	0



TONIGHT'S MASCOTS:

This evening's home mascots will be hoping to inspire the Rams to a return to winning ways under the floodlights.

Brothers **Thomas** and **Jack Merriman** have the honour of leading the first-team players from the tunnel tonight. Older sibling Thomas, is celebrating his 13th birthday tomorrow. A pupil at Castle Rock High School in Coalville, he enjoys badminton and swimming and plays in goal for Whitwick Juniors Under-13s.

Jack, aged 10, lists Scouts, dogeball and swimming among his hobbies and is a big Will Hughes fan.

Accompanying Bolton's players to the centre-circle before kick-off is **Callum Hewitt** who turns 11 today. He enjoys cricket and football and is a Jay Spearing and Stuart Holden enthusiast.



TONIGHT'S SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Barnsley V Leicester	19:45
Brighton V QPR	19:45
Charlton V Huddersfield	19:45
Derby V Bolton	19:45
Doncaster V Watford	19:45
Leeds V Reading	19:45
Middlesbrough V Nottm Forest	19:45
Yeovil V Ipswich	19:45
Blackpool V Millwall	20:00



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NEIL SULLIVAN'S...

TALES FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM

NEIL SULLIVAN LIFTS THE LID ON LIFE IN THE DERBY COUNTY MEDICAL ROOM...

After the disappointment of Saturday, the players were back at the Training Ground early on Sunday morning to prepare for tonight's game against Bolton Wanderers.

In the treatment room, we had the usual bumps and bruises to deal with following Saturday's match with Millwall, and Monday morning the squad trained as usual in the sunshine.

This week we took delivery of an Alter G treadmill on a trial for six weeks. This means that



Paul Coutts suffered a knee injury in the Rams' Capital One Cup exit at Leicester City earlier this season

we can get the players running at less than their body weight to protect their injured joints.

Shaun Barker and Paul Coutts, as you may have heard, have used this equipment on a number of occasions at St George's Park recently. Having this facility on site, in the short-term at least, will have huge benefit all round, as it allows us to get the players up and running quicker than was previously possible.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE

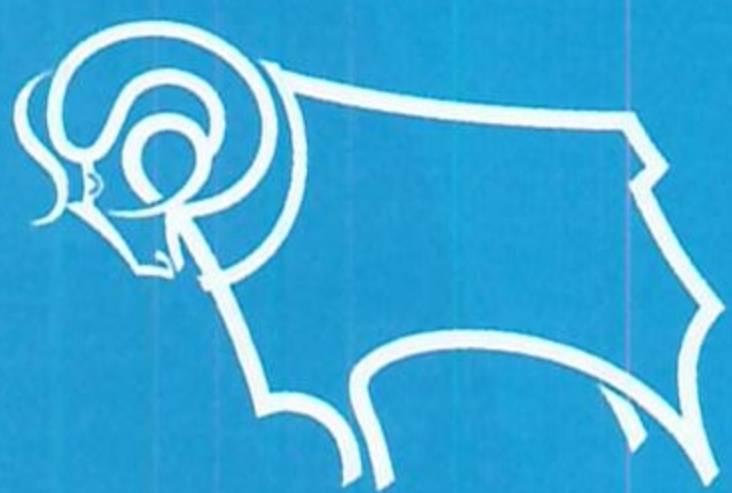
When you hear of a little gem, then it is hard to turn it down regardless of who said it... so again I must apologise for including Mason Bennett in this column!

Mason was chatting about holiday destinations a couple of weeks ago and Dubai was mentioned.

Mason asked: "Which way is Dubai?... is it left or right?"

That caused a ripple of laughter in any case, but that wasn't the funniest part. When Mason asked which direction Dubai was he used his wrong arms to point left and right!





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Whether taking part on foot, bike or water the nation can get some tip top sporting kit to get themselves ready for action. The public can show their support for Sport Relief by pulling on one of the official T-shirts from Sainsbury's stores available now in a range of sizes or get their head in the game with the official Sport Relief headband. These items and many more are available at Sainsbury's stores and www.sportrelief.com.

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BLACKPOOL KICK-OFF TIME

Derby County's Sky Bet Championship game at Blackpool next month will kick-off at 8pm, and not 7:45pm as previously stated.

The game is to be played on Tuesday 8th April at Bloomfield Road.

Steve McClaren's side will travel to Lancashire looking to do the double over the Seasiders after running out 5-1 winners at the iPro Stadium in December.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELLA!

Derby County would like to wish a happy birthday to Bella Foster, who is nine today.

Bella, from Lea near Matlock, is celebrating her birthday at tonight's game with her brothers, mum, dad, grandma and granddad.

DONCASTER AWAY LIVE ON SKY SPORTS

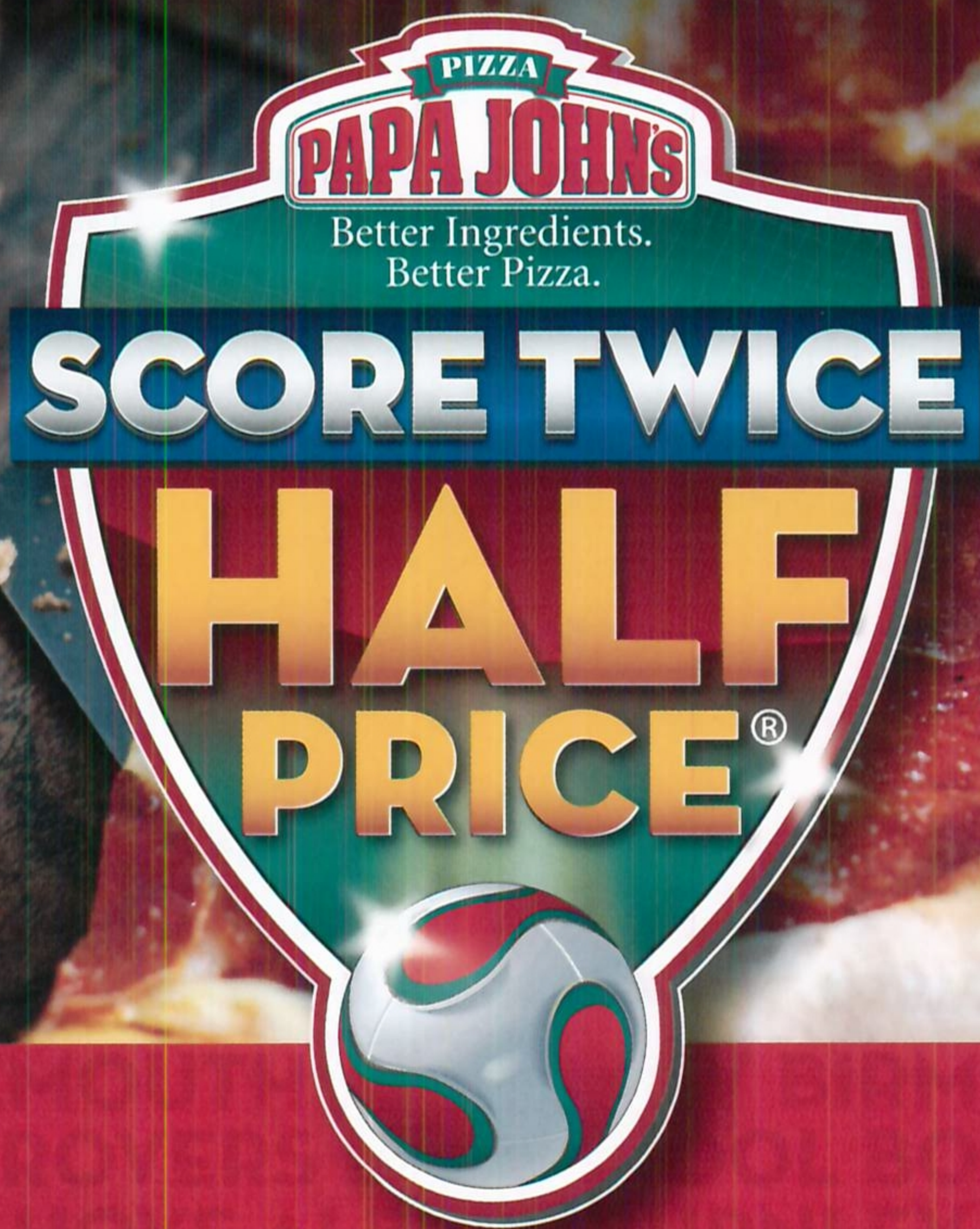


Derby County's Sky Bet Championship fixture away to Doncaster Rovers has been selected for live television coverage.

The game will still be played on Friday 18th April, but will now kick off at 7:30pm.

It will be the seventh time this season Derby have played in front of the Sky Sports cameras - with Blackburn Rovers (August), Blackpool (December), Queens Park Rangers (February) and Nottingham Forest (March) also selected as live home matches - as well as Nottingham Forest (September) and Leicester City (December) as away matches.

Derby were 3-1 winners over Doncaster earlier in the season thanks to goals from Jamie Ward, Simon Dawkins and Craig Bryson at the iPro Stadium.



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▶ ACTION REPLAY ◀

▶ March might not have started as Derby would have liked, but despite a narrow defeat to Millwall at the iPro Stadium at the weekend, the Rams remain comfortably positioned in the play-off places.



Jake Buxton takes no prisoners in winning an aerial duel



Patrick Bamford
plots a route
through Millwall's
defence



Craig Bryson holds
off the attentions of
a Millwall player



Saturday 8th March 2014
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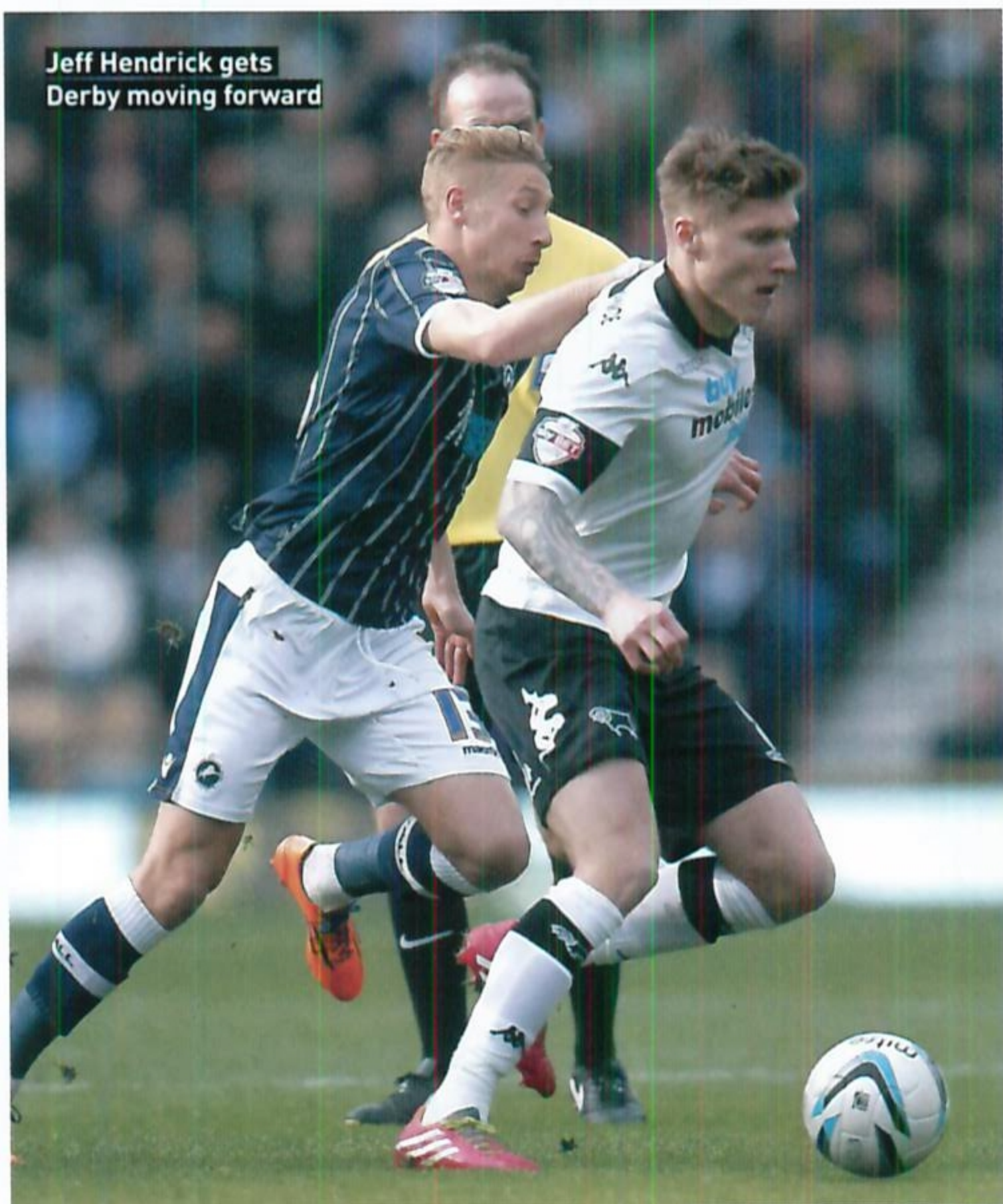
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Jeff Hendrick gets
Derby moving forward



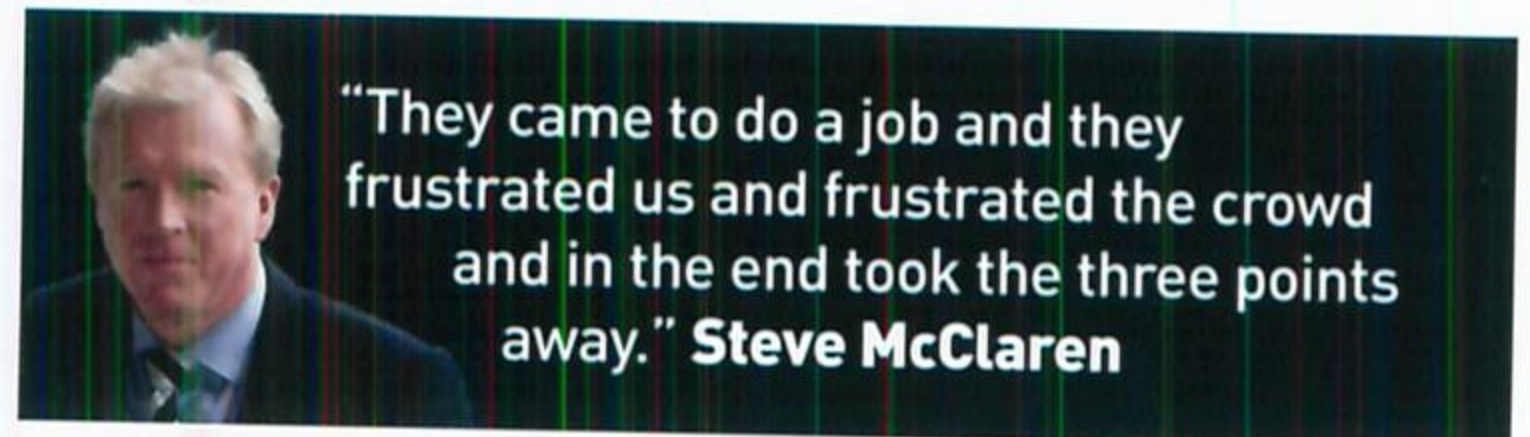
Craig Forsyth plays
a ball forwards





Captain Richard Keogh rises highest to meet a corner

"We are deeply frustrated. We started the game quite brightly, but we lacked quality in the final third and probably quality all over the pitch."
Jake Buxton



"They came to do a job and they frustrated us and frustrated the crowd and in the end took the three points away."
Steve McClaren



Conor Sammon holds off the Millwall back-line to bring his team-mates into play

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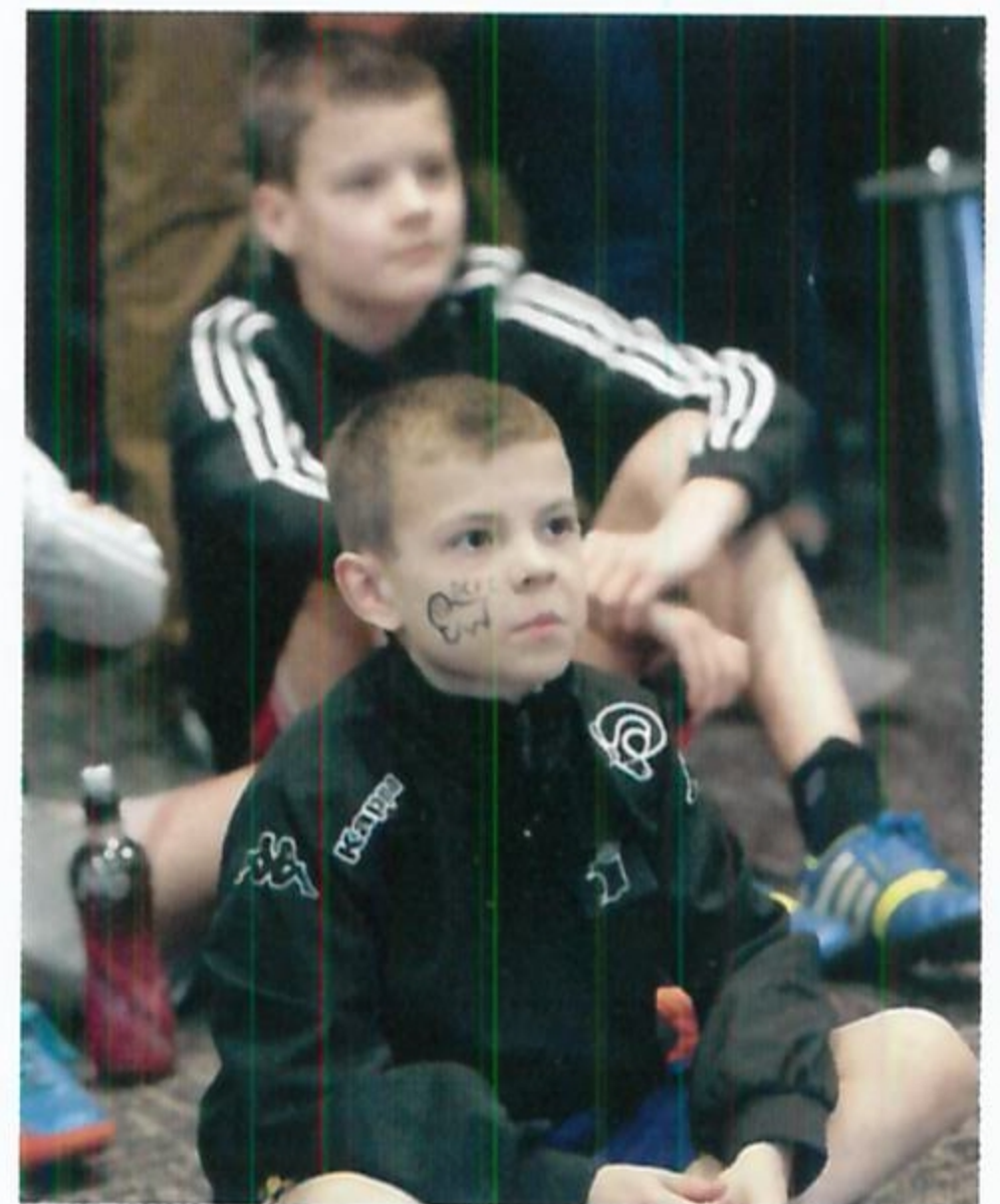
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Alan Hinton joined the Rams in 1967



ALAN HINTON

Hinton's career started at Wolverhampton Wanderers where he broke into the first-team in the 1961-62 season, and the following year he was the top scorer and selected to play for England.

By 1964 he had moved to Nottingham Forest as well as having played and scored for England in a game against Belgium. Brian Clough lured him to Derby for a fee of £30,000 in September 1967 as part of the team that would take the country by storm during the next few years.

Hinton was affectionately known amongst the fans by his nickname 'Gladys', which stemmed from his famous white boots (for which he was paid £1,000 by Hummel for), curly blonde hair, toothless smile along with his elegant and non-aggressive playing style.

As the chief creator from dead ball situations, players like Kevin Hector, John O'Hare and Roy McFarland benefitted from his skill that Gerald Mortimer best summed up by saying "his ability to cross the ball from any position and with either foot amounted almost to genius."

His testimonial match attracted a crowd in excess of 20,000 as he left to forge a career in the NASL with Dallas, Vancouver and Seattle. He overtook Pele and George Best to set a new assists record for that League in 1978, before becoming a successful Head Coach with Seattle Sounders (45 victories in 66 games).

He was voted into Derby's All-Time XI and remains a hugely popular and respected visitor on his many trips back to the United Kingdom.

Since retiring, he has been a media analyst and ambassador for the Seattle team and a frequent poster on Twitter: @alanhinton11.



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IF IT HAD HAPPENED....

▶ One of the most frustrating things I hear about sport when the high-horses are saddled on the moral high ground is the phrase “well if it had happened on the street” or “if it had happened in the office” in relation to controversy on the sports field.

The fact is a football pitch, or an ice hockey rink, or various other sports arenas, is not a normal office environment. Neither, despite being guided by the laws of the land, is it “outside on the street”.

The predictable outrage over Alan Pardew’s headbutt – a loose enough phrase seeing as his head didn’t exactly butt anyone – saw calls for him to be everything from sacked to dragged through the streets and whipped, yet even in the long annals of misbehaviour on a football pitch this hardly ranks near the top. He moved his head towards the player but barely any, if indeed any, contact was made.

I feel a bit for Pardew. He obviously has a temper, and he’s got form, and yes what he did was wrong and he knows it. He set a bad example to just about everyone from his own players to kids watching Match of the Day. He has accepted the £100,000 fine imposed by Newcastle with good grace, and has intimated he will do the same when the FA hit with him an inevitable ban.

He blew a fuse but no-one was injured and from the television pictures it hardly looked like he intended to take Hull player David Meyler out. A threatening gesture, yes. An assault, most definitely



not. Enough to lose his job? No chance.

The fact is, football matches are high intensity, testosterone fuelled environments that differ from everyday life. That’s why we go and watch. Football stadiums differ from ordinary workplaces and life outside. That doesn’t mean to say we should all behave badly or break the law, but our actions and behaviours simply in singing, shouting and chanting, are different.

If “on the street” Pardew became involved in an argument and had put his head forward the way he did with Meyler, no crime would have been committed and the police wouldn’t have raised so much as an eyebrow.

But people in this country cannot wait to be outraged, same as they can’t wait to be offended.

It’s laughable when the likes of pantomime villains Robbie Savage and Graeme Souness, who both might like to look a little closer to home before starting to throw stones, claim the moral high ground, but then they’ve got pundit careers to consider and there’s nothing like the oxygen of self-publicity.

The voice of common sense in all this, as it often is, came from Steve Bruce, the Hull manager, who accepted Pardew’s apology and said they had “moved on”. So should everyone else and so should Pardew, as manager of Newcastle United.

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ONE HIT WONDERS

DERBY COUNTY'S STATS MAN, MIKE WILSON, LOOKS AT THE CLUB'S 'ONE HIT WONDERS' IN THE RAM - REVIEWING PLAYERS THAT HAVE SCORED ONE GOAL, OR MADE ONE APPEARANCE, IN A DERBY SHIRT...

ONE GOAL

Gareth Roberts joined Derby County from Doncaster Rovers in the summer of 2010 on a free transfer. He started his career with Liverpool but moved to Greek side Panionios after finding his first-team chances limited at Anfield.

After 15 games he returned to England and played for Tranmere Rovers. In nine years with the club he made 338 appearances and scored 12 goals, before moving to Doncaster in July 2006 on a free transfer. He helped Doncaster to win the Football League Trophy and gain promotion to the Championship. In total he appeared in 165 games for Rovers, before moving to Derby and was viewed as a ready-made replacement for the departing Jay McEveley. He vied for the left-back spot with Dean Moxey, and when Moxey was sold to Crystal Palace in January 2011, Roberts became a regular in the side for the rest of the season.

He scored his only goal for the club against his previous employers, in a 2-1 win at the Keepmoat Stadium in March 2012. However, at the end of the following season the

experienced former Wales international was not offered another contract and after 104 appearances for the club, six as a substitute, he joined Bury.

His spell at Gigg Lane was short-lived and earlier this year he joined League One side Notts County until the end of the season.



ONE GAME

Goalkeeper Frank Davies joined Derby from Birkenhead in May 1902. He was third choice behind Jack Fryer and Harry Maskrey, and played in the final game of 1902-03 in April, away to West Bromwich Albion. He moved to Glossop North End in June 1904, and two years later to Manchester City.

Centre-half Arthur Lloyd played for Ripley Athletic, before joining the Rams in November 1902. His only appearance came in February 1904, when he replaced the injured Ben Hall at Bury.

Inside-forward Algernon Pynegar was playing for Marlpool, before coming to the Baseball Ground in August 1904. His only game was also away, this time to Manchester City in December 1904. With chances of further appearances limited, he moved to Grimsby Town in August 1905.

Harry Mitchell was an outside-right, who joined the club in May 1905, but was mainly a reserve - although he did make one senior appearance. That was in February 1906, in the home fixture with Liverpool.

George King, also an outside-right played one game for the Rams, in March 1906 away to Woolwich Arsenal.



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW:

PATRICK BAMFORD

By Joe Questier

▶ **The Times newspaper have recently been running commentary pieces titled 'For the Good of the Game', a five-part comprehensive study on how to improve football in England.**

In one of the articles, journalist Rory Smith examined the lack of a pathway for young players into first-teams, and highlighted the career of former Chelsea midfielder Jimmy Smith.

At the age of nine, Chelsea spotted Smith playing for his school team and he was duly signed, before progressing through the youth ranks in West London. Smith worked under Brendan Rodgers in the senior Academy, impressing some of the world's best coaches, including both Jose Mourinho and then Luiz Felipe Scolari, which subsequently led to first-team training sessions, mixing it with the likes of Frank Lampard and John Terry.

Smith is now 27, playing for Sky Bet League One side Stevenage, who sit in the relegation places of the division.

Albeit, Smith is not an isolated case and much of the discussion and proposed causes as to why England fail to produce top class players, seems to flitter between two extremes: either the individual player did not make the most of his opportunities, or he was simply not up to scratch.

However, every English player that has failed to live

up to proverbial hype cannot be pigeonholed with the same lazy, ill thought out excuse. As Liverpool manager and former coach of Smith, Rodgers, pointed out recently, it is not as though there is a dearth of English talent across Academies. He instead feels the blame lies within the system and the structure: "I've thought for years and years that British players are technically as good as their European counterparts. I've worked with kids of five years of age in community schemes, and some of the biggest players in the world, at Chelsea and here, and I've felt that Brits can play football."

Southampton manager Mauricio Pochettino, like Rodgers, says England has "the same base level of talent," while Everton boss Roberto Martinez continually reiterates Rodgers's remarks, saying that prospects are honed at state-of-the-art training facilities, and then when they are formed at the end of the Academy cycle at the age of 18, they hit a 'bottleneck', whereby they never play any first-team football.

But one club that is unquestionably assisting in the nurture of young British talent is Derby County. The Rams have proved to be a hotbed for England Under-21 internationals this season, with Michael Keane, Andre Wisdom, Adam Smith, Will Hughes and Patrick Bamford all

having plied their trade at the iPro Stadium, three of whom were signed under the management of Head Coach Steve McClaren.

Wisdom (20), Hughes (18) and Bamford (20) are [albeit only thus far] proving to be exceptions to the 'bottleneck' rule, as they continue to develop under the auspices of McClaren, playing regularly in the cut and thrust of the Sky Bet Championship, garnering that essential first-team experience.

Chelsea loanee Bamford has been in fine goalscoring form since penning his temporary move to Derby, scoring five times in his first seven appearances, which included winning strikes against Brighton and Hove Albion and Sheffield Wednesday.

Having previously worked under McClaren during the former England boss' brief tenure down the A52, Bamford knows all about the 52-year-old's renowned coaching abilities - a factor that the striker divulges was a real draw in his decision to link up with the East Midlands side.

Bamford has been given the opportunity to flourish in the Championship after an impressive 17 goals in a similar loan spell at MK Dons earlier in the campaign. Although one Chelsea prospect in the form of Smith may have been lost along the way, Bamford is on a mission to make the grade at Stamford Bridge, and ultimately, adorn the Three Lions on his chest for the full national side.

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Player





Patrick, how are you enjoying your loan spell with the club?

I am loving it. I think it was quite an easy decision for me to make once Derby came in for me, as I am back closer to home and it gave me the opportunity to work under Steve McClaren again. It has been easy for me to settle in too because the lads have been great.

Have you surpassed your own expectations in terms of a goal return?

I am happy with what I have achieved so far. If you had said to me before I signed that I would score five goals in my first seven games then I would have been really happy with that. Before the Bournemouth game I think my ratio worked out at a goal every 85 minutes. I am still aiming to reach ten goals during my spell here and anything above that will be a bonus.

You don't seem to score 'easy goals,' they have all been - barring your header against Yeovil - from distance...

I think if anyone was to look at the goals I scored at MK Dons earlier in the season then overall, there has been quite a mixture. Playing in one of the wide forward positions allows me to shoot from distance, whereas when I played more centrally, I had more opportunities one-on-one with the goalkeeper when I got behind the back-four. Obviously the Sheffield Wednesday goal was special, but if I had to pick a favourite, I would choose my goal against Yeovil Town. I know it was a diving header, but it was extra special because of the game and the occasion - coming back from 2-0 down to win the match.

How happy have you been with your own performances since signing on loan?

Up until the Sheffield Wednesday game I had been relatively happy

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with how I had been playing. Admittedly, I wasn't at my best at Hillsborough, or against AFC Bournemouth at the iPro Stadium. But I sat down with the Head Coach and discussed what areas of my game I could improve on and what he wanted from me in terms of my movement on the pitch. He saw that I needed help because playing in a wide position is still relatively new to me. We watched some clips back together from the Bournemouth game and he said that I was coming too deep to get the ball. I was getting possession in positions that wasn't really

hurting the opposition, whereas I needed to get in between the lines more and be more direct. Even though I managed to score against Sheffield Wednesday, I was more concerned with back-to-back under par performances, so it is up to me to bounce back.

How much have you enjoyed being part of a promotion challenge? The team have really kicked on since the defeat at the King Power Stadium...

Yes I think the first game was one to forget about! Since then it has been really good and you can tell the boys are pushing for promotion just by the atmosphere around the place. At MK Dons we were always pushing for the play-offs, but it was from a mid-table position, whereas here, we have got the chance to go up automatically and you can sense that in the atmosphere around the place. Everyone believes that we can do it. The promotion race is still wide open. In a way I think it helps that not many of this group have experienced a promotion before, because we are all just so focussed on winning each game.



Patrick Bamford netted a 76th minute winner against Brighton

How have you found life in the Championship after making the step up from League One with MK Dons?

It is definitely a step up in quality, in terms of the teams and the players. But I said when I signed that I was ready for it and I think I have proved just that with the goals I have scored. I loved my time at MK Dons and I owe them a lot. They put me on the ladder in the Football League, playing properly and regularly and that gave me the opportunity to come here. Last year when I first joined them I had a few niggling injuries and I was getting used to playing first-team with men. However, I

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The Chelsea loanee scored five goals in his first seven appearances for the Rams



took a lot of time and effort in pre-season to build up my strength - I used to be really skinny. Although I picked up another injury, I still played a few games at the back end of pre-season and settled into the team.

How much contact have you had with your parent club Chelsea, while you have been here?

Quite a bit, I would say I hear from them once every ten days. It is usually Eddie Newton or Tore Andre Flo, but Jim Fraser [Academy Assistant Manager], Neil Bath [Academy Manager] or Michael Emenalo [Technical Director], give me a call and check in to see how I am getting on. Tore was assigned to me as a mentor so he often gives me and ring and gives me some words of advice.

The Chelsea manager recently spoke about you in a press conference - that must be great to hear because your ultimate goal is to be involved in the first-team there?

It shows that he has recognised what I have been doing and that gives me more confidence. Hopefully he will be saying my

The 20-year-old has been in impressive form for Derby after netting 14 goals in League One for MK Dons





name a lot more. My initial loan to MK Dons had been completed before Jose Mourinho moved back to Chelsea and when I came here, it was sorted out between the Coaching Staff and a committee. I remember when I first joined Chelsea and thinking the training was great and I was

excited to go in every day. But then the chance to go out on loan came up at MK Dons and the opportunity for first-team football. Chelsea have supported me all the way through, they have set the development plan for me and it seems to be working very well.

How did the Chelsea move come about?

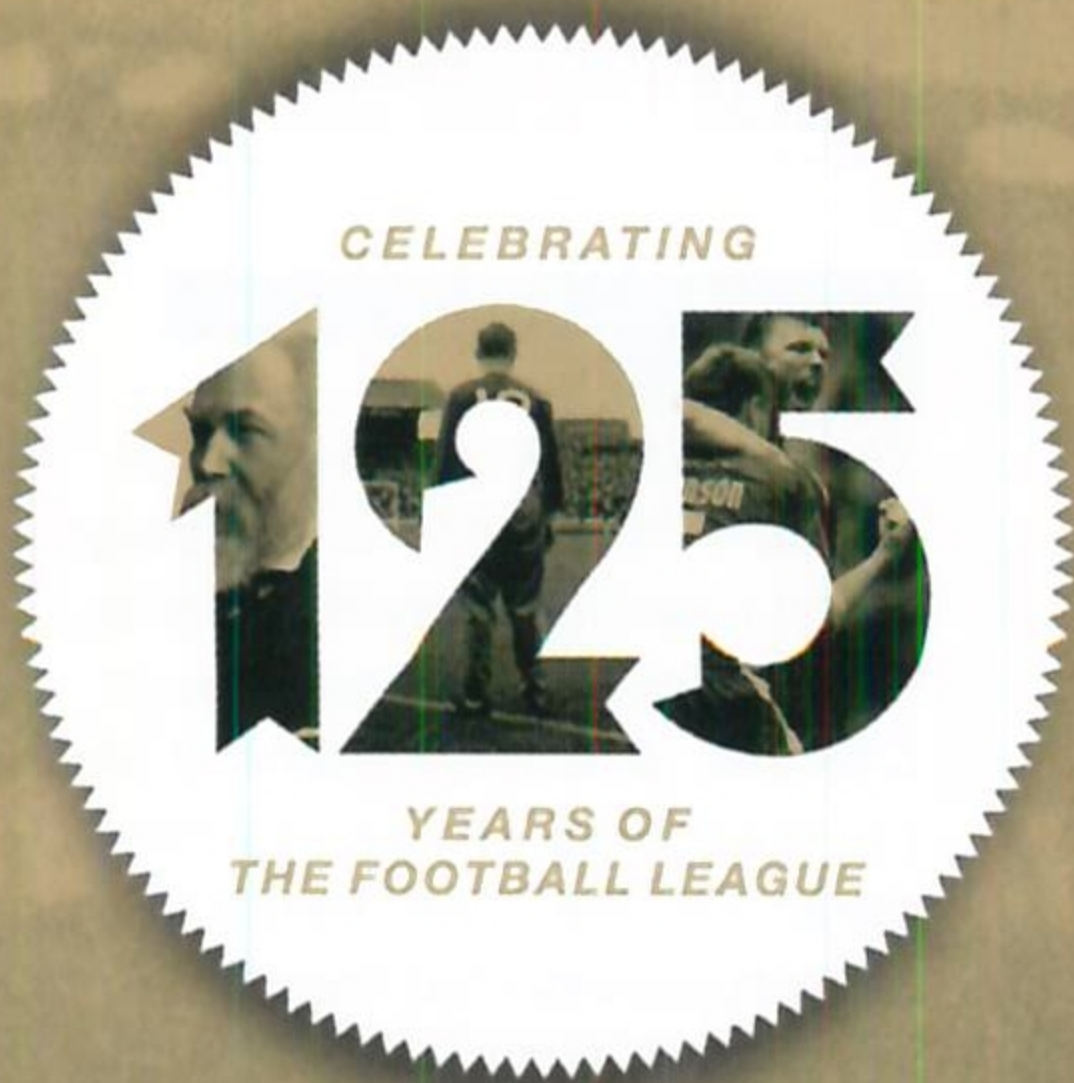
There was talk in pre-season ahead of the 2011-12 campaign when I was 17. One of our pre-season friendlies was against Chelsea, which we won 4-0 and I scored three and set up the other. So after that match there were rumours that they were interested in me. I kept playing for the Forest Under-18s that season and by the Christmas period I had scored quite a few goals. In the FA Youth Cup we beat Sunderland 2-1 and I got both, then in the next round we beat Wigan 9-1 and I scored five and set up four. After that it was Southampton away and they are renowned for having a great Academy, but we won 5-1 and I scored another four. After that I was linked with moves to Chelsea and Tottenham. I know Forest initially turned down a bid by Chelsea, but then one got accepted and it was down to me to see if I wanted to sign for them.

With the Nottingham Forest game coming up later this month, I imagine, if you are selected, it will be a strange occasion for yourself?

It will be strange but I cannot wait for it. I am excited, especially considering one of my mates who I grew up with and came through the Academy with, Jamaal Lascelles, plays at the back. It will be good to play against him. I still see him quite a bit, after training every so often I will go round his house because he lives near the Training Centre. We take the micky out of each other; when I have scored and we have won he has rung me up and asked what I'm playing at, because I am doing Forest no favours. It is all light hearted at the minute but when it comes to the game we won't be friends on the pitch.

The England Under-21 international has bagged over 20 goals this season





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GOING OUT ON A HIGH

▶ Last month saw Didier Drogba return to Chelsea for the first time since his 2012 move to Galatasaray. The Ivorian spent eight years at Stamford Bridge and his final act was to score the penalty that clinched the Champions League for the Blues. Here are some other sports people whose careers ended on a high...

PETER SCHMEICHEL

Football

Schmeichel joined United in 1990 for £505,000 from Brondby, a sum that Alex Ferguson later called the bargain of the century.

Over the next eight years, the Dane would become the immovable foundation on which United won trophies galore, but by late 1998 had started to show signs that his 36 years were starting to tell.

In November, Schmeichel announced he would leave United, but in doing so sparked a return to his finest form. Six months later, United were unbeaten in 33 games and had won the treble, whilst their departing 'keepers' final act was to lift the European Cup after that dramatic comeback at the Nou Camp.

FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER

Athletics

A decent sprinter with an Olympic silver medal but little in the way of hype, Flo Jo stunned athletics when, in the US trials of 1988, she set a scarcely believable 100m world record of 10.49seconds.



Florence Griffith Joyner set a world record for the 100m in 1988

Then, at the Olympics later that year, she won 100m gold by a margin of 0.3seconds and twice broke the 200m world record en route to a second gold medal. A third arrived in the 4x100m relay, followed by a silver in the 4x400.

No sooner had the plane touched down in the US than Flo Jo announced she was quitting athletics, sparking rumours of drug use that persist to this day much like her world records.

MARION BARTOLI

Tennis

The diminutive Frenchwoman was a regular presence at Grand Slams and spent more than her fair share of weeks in the WTA top 10.

But that didn't prepare anyone for the events of last summer when, aged 28, Bartoli won Wimbledon without dropping a set, becoming the fifth-oldest champion in the event's history. It was her 47th attempt to win a slam, the longest anyone has ever waited for one.

So was it the late blooming of a latent superstar? It seems not. Just a month after winning tennis' greatest prize, Bartoli was defeated in a US Open warm up event and quit that very day.

ROCKY MARCIANO

Boxing

These days, boxers retire after every fight, inevitably making a return when someone waves a few million quid at them.

But when Marciano whose punch was once measured to impact with enough force to lift 1,000 pounds off the ground ruled the ring, it was unheard of for a heavyweight champion to retire undefeated.

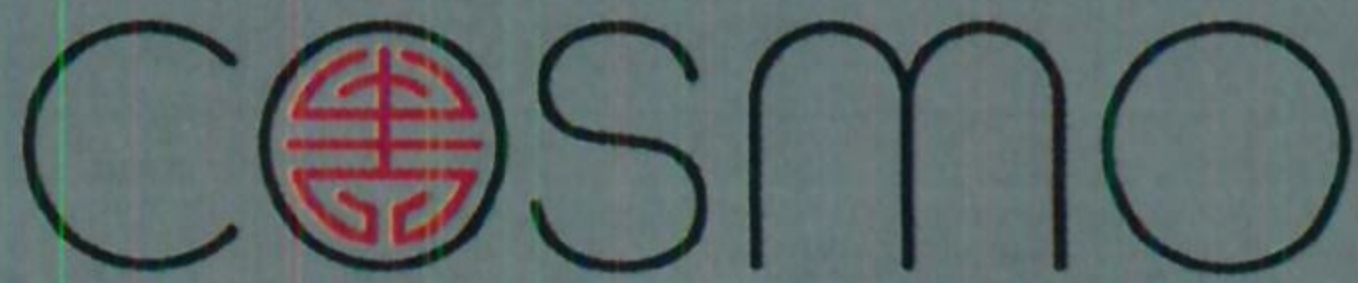
That, though, is exactly what he did, calling it quits in 1956 after 49 wins, 0 draws, seven title defences and four years as champ. He was just 32.



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3. Who did Bolton manager Dougie Freedman replace when he took the Wanderers' hot-seat in October 2012?

4. Can you name the two USA internationals in Bolton's squad?

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TRUE OR FALSE?

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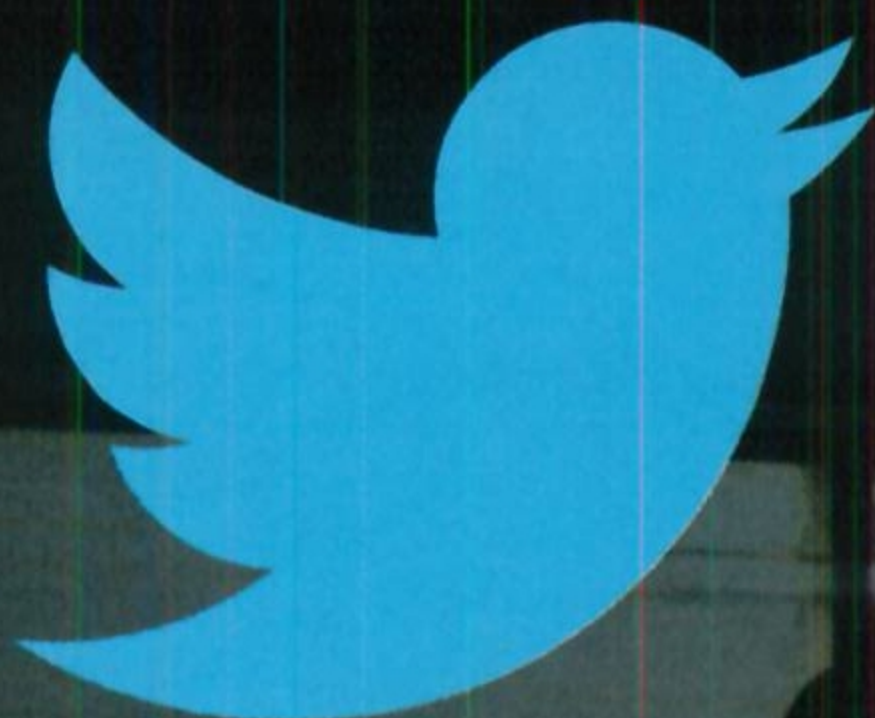
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ARE YOU THINKING OF GOING INTO COACHING/MANAGEMENT WHEN YOUR PLAYING CAREER COMES TO AN END? WHAT IS THE CLUB LIKE NOW, COMPARED TO WHEN YOU WERE HERE ON LOAN? IS IT TRUE THAT YOU ROOM WITH MASON BENNETT BECAUSE HE'S SCARED OF THE BOOGIE MAN? YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

z@popsider: Are you thinking of going into coaching/management when your playing career comes to an end? Yes it is something I have thought about doing, but at the moment I am 100 per cent committed on continuing with my playing career. I have done my Uefa B badge and I coached the Under-15s and 16s at Watford last season when I was out injured.

@SBagley_Dcfc: Apart from the iPro Stadium, what is the best ground you have played at? I would say Newcastle United's St. James' Park. I have played there a few times in my career, while with Stoke City, Coventry City and more recently with Watford - during the season Newcastle spent in the Championship under Chris Hughton.

@WillMcM123: What was going through your head when you scored against Queens Park Rangers? 🙄 Just to try and get the ball over the goalkeeper and on target really!

@ryanDCFCsmith: Have you been working on your goal celebration after your attempt at one against QPR? Haha no! I just go with the flow.

@OwenSpurr: How good is it to play behind players like Craig Bryson, Jeff Hendrick and Will Hughes? It is great; when you are behind them and watching them in full flow it is quite exciting. They are all very talented young players with a lot of energy and

you can see when we break forward in attack they are a confident bunch too.

@jordystevenson: What is the best goal you have scored in your career? I scored a decent overhead kick for Watford against Coventry a few years ago. I also scored a good volley against Middlesbrough, and one on the opening day of the season a couple of years ago against Norwich City at Carrow Road.





@DerbyMad65: What is the club like now, compared to when you were here on loan? 🙌 It is a lot different; the players aren't as high-profile for one. The atmosphere here in the dressing room is a lot better and I think in general, it is just a happier place to be. When I signed on loan there was a lot of pressure on the club, the team were not performing particularly well and were in a difficult position in the league. Winning games and having a good dressing room always helps when you are signing for a club, and the atmosphere here compared to then is just completely different. It helps to have a good blend of young players and old players; we have got no 'big time charlies' here either and everyone mucks in for each other.

@NeilDCFC: Is it true that you room with Mason Bennett because he's scared of the boogie man? Haha no! I room with Craig Forsyth on away games; he's great, he runs me a bath and makes me a cup of tea - he does all the right things.



@HazaDCFC: What is the best moment of your football career to date? Making my debut for Coventry City. My first game was a cup match and then my first League game was against Wimbledon where we won 2-1 at Highfield Road. Calling them Wimbledon probably shows how old I am!

@ChefHeslip: Do you and the lads believe we can grab promotion this season? Yes, there has got to be a belief there otherwise we wouldn't be where we are in the division. It is an exciting period for the team and for the supporters and we have all got to believe we can be

there or thereabouts come the end of the season.

@LozzaDCFC: Have you seen the parody account of yourself on Twitter, and if so, what do you think of it? No I haven't seen it, but a few of the lads have mentioned it! There's not a lot I can do about it really...

@bryso7: How do you feel about getting your free bus pass next year? Well... that's cheeky isn't it?! I am used to the lads giving me a bit of stick about my age; it is all part and parcel of football. I am still glad to be playing at my age at a good team in the Championship.



Full name:

GEORGE LOUIS ELLIOT THORNE

Nickname:

THORNEY

Date of birth:

04.01.93

Nationality:

ENGLISH

Position:

CM

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What boots do you wear:

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Your best attribute as a footballer:

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Your favourite film:

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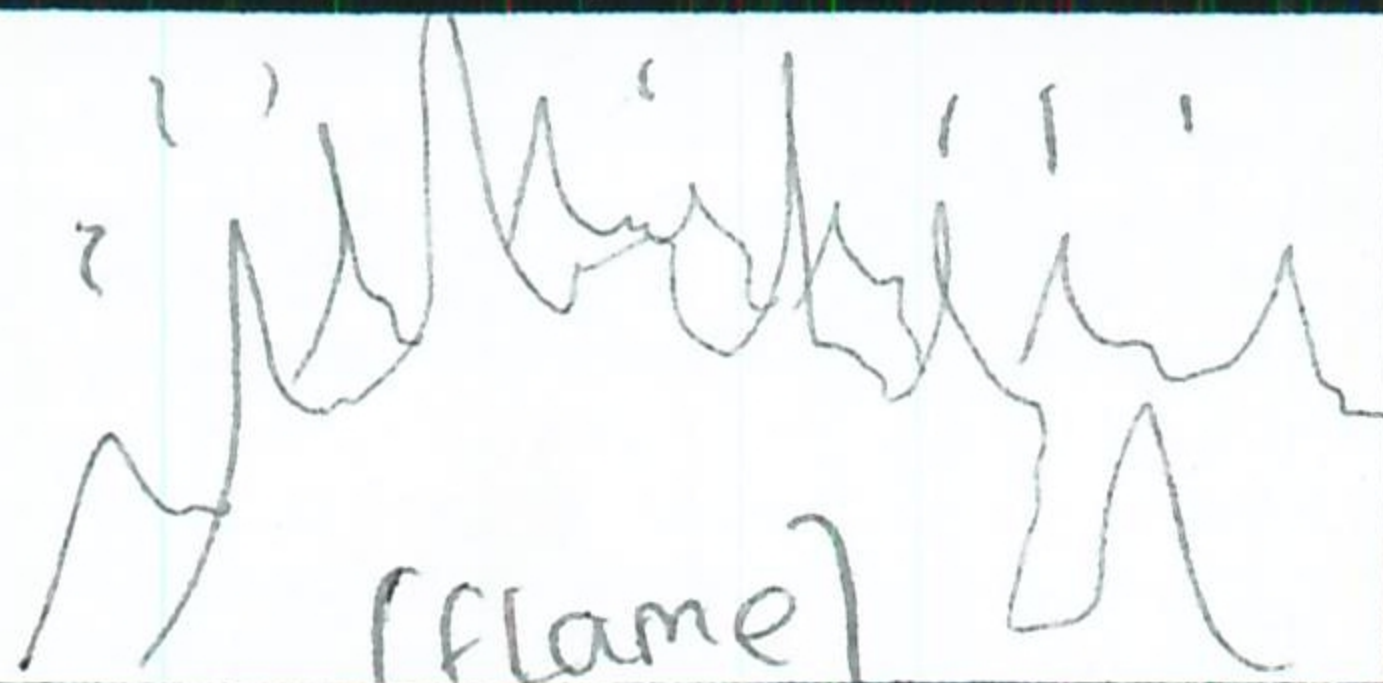
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MODEL (BURBERRY)

Who is your best mate in football?

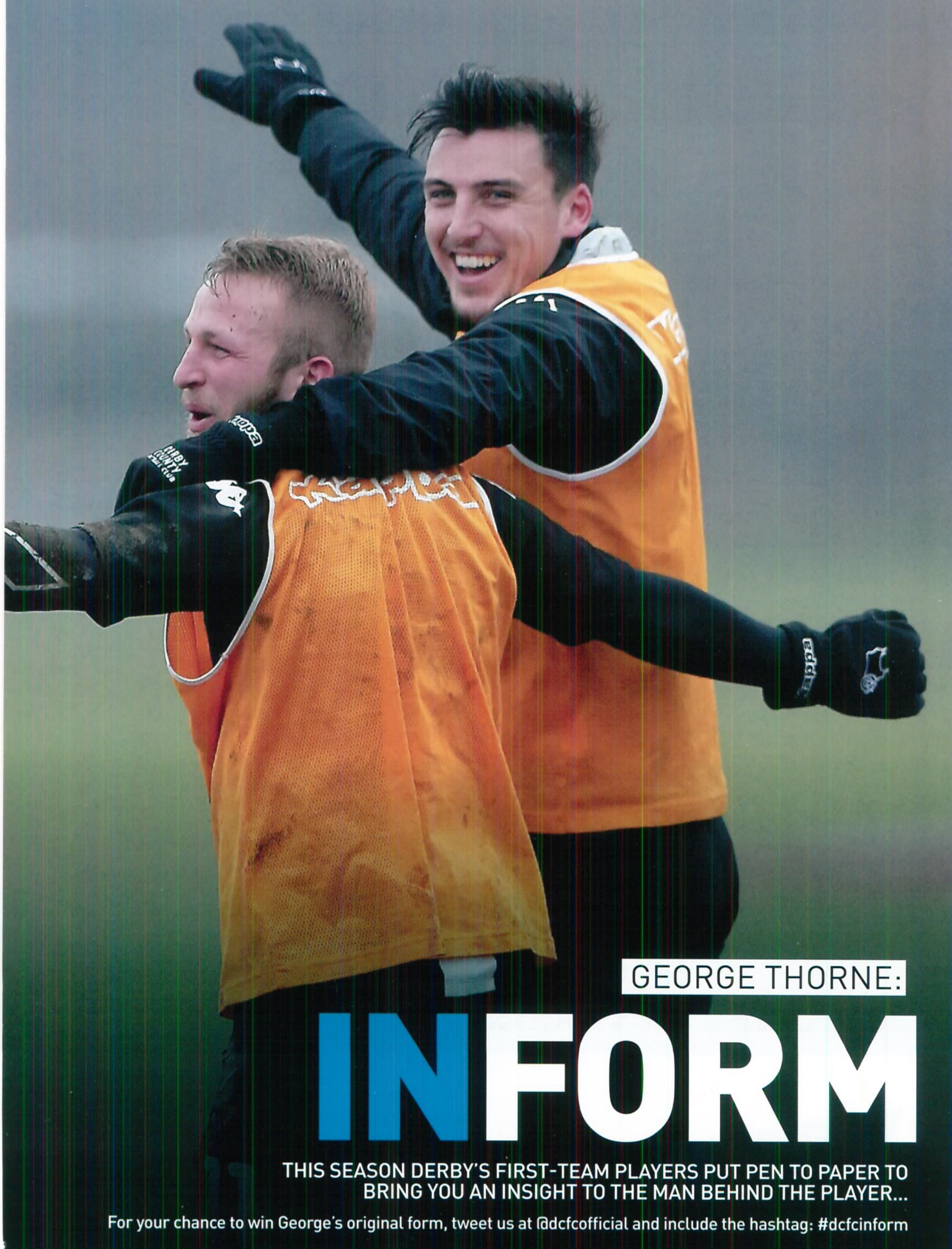
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The forthcoming **Derby County Golf Day** is on the horizon and there is still time to take part! The Golf Day will take place at Morley Hayes on Wednesday 9th April in a Derby County Legends versus Derby County first-team, captained by Paul Simpson and Eric Steele. This exclusive and fun-filled Derby County Golf Day includes breakfast, 18 holes of golf - Ryder Cup format, and a presentation dinner. Price is £225 plus VAT and you can reserve your team by calling 0871 472 1884 option 3 or email hospitality@dcfc.co.uk

Derby County's annual End of Season Dinner will take place at the iPro Stadium on Tuesday 29th April. This event is a glittering highlight in the region's footballing calendar. Meet and dine with Directors, Head Coach Steve McClaren and first-team players, in an evening where fine food and good company are guaranteed. All of the Derby County first-team squad, management and executive team will be in attendance to look back on the 2013-14 season in detail at the prestigious event.

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RAMS LEGENDS BOOST ACADEMY RANKS

DERBY COUNTY ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT FORMER PLAYERS RORY DELAP AND CHRIS RIGGOTT HAVE RE-JOINED THE CLUB AS ACADEMY COACHES.

▶ **Delap, who joined the Rams in February 1998 for a fee of £200,000 from Carlisle United under the tenure of Jim Smith, will coach the Rams' Under-14s, while Riggott, who rose through the ranks at the East Midlands outfit, will coach the Under-13s.**

Former Republic of Ireland international Delap only retired from professional football in December last year after a spell with Burton Albion in League Two. Similarly, Riggott retired while playing for the Brewers, following a persistent back problem in March 2012.

Both Delap and Riggott previously worked under Head Coach Steve McClaren during their playing days with the Rams, and the duo have spoken of their delight at being given an opportunity to begin their coaching pathways at their former club.

"I had a couple of years over in America with my wife and spent some time with her parents, and began coaching over there, which gave me a new lease of life," said Riggott.

"I had some very good years here and I love being back working in the Academy with Darren Wassall and the kids.

"I am doing my badges and the Academy is definitely where I see my future."

Delap added: "I am delighted to be back. The club has certainly changed a bit since I was here as a player.

"When Darren [Wassall] and Pat [Lyons] gave me the opportunity to come in and do a little bit of work with the Academy, and see how one is run, I jumped at the chance.

"Fortunately for myself they offered me a job until the end of the season and hopefully I can make the most of it."

Delap's 19-year career began at Carlisle and he went on to make more than 580 appearances for Derby, Southampton, Sunderland, Stoke, Barnsley and Burton in all competitions.

The versatile player scored 35 goals throughout his playing career, but created numerous others with his trademark long throws.

Southampton paid £4million for him in 2001, but it was at Stoke where he had his longest spell, playing 208 games in almost six years, including the 2011 FA Cup Final against Manchester City.

Riggott made his debut for the Rams in May 2000 as a substitute in the 4-0



Chris Riggott made nine international appearances for the England Under-21s



Rory Delap scored his final goal for Derby in the 1-0 victory over Ipswich Town in December 2000

defeat to Chelsea. He went on to make 100 appearances for Derby in all competitions, scoring seven goals in the process, and his impressive form in the 2000-01 campaign saw the centre-back named Derby's Player of the Year.

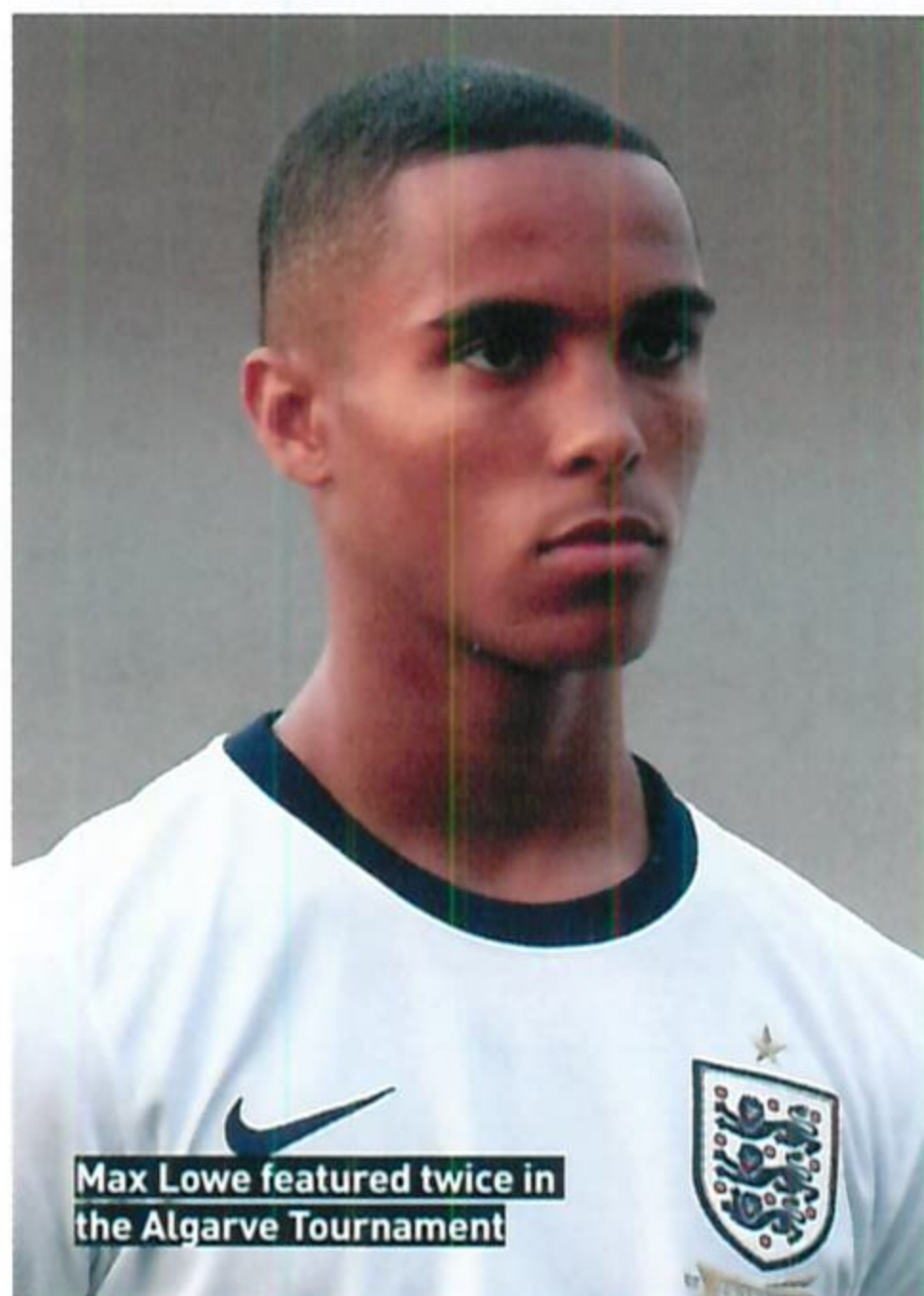
After subsequent spells with Middlesbrough, Stoke and Cardiff, Riggott re-signed for Derby in 2011-12, prior to moving on to the Brewers, linking up with fellow former Ram, Gary Rowett.

Rams fans can watch the full interviews with Rory Delap and Chris Riggott exclusively on Rams Player.



ACADEMY UPDATE: UNDER-21s & UNDER-18s

THE RAM TAKES A LOOK AT THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE DERBY COUNTY ACADEMY...



Max Lowe featured twice in the Algarve Tournament

LATE HEARTBREAK FOR LOWE IN PORTUGAL

Derby County's Max Lowe suffered late heartbreak with England's Under-17s at the Algarve Tournament in Portugal earlier this month.

Lowe could only watch on from the bench as England Under-17s lost in the final match of the Algarve Tournament in Portugal. The first-year scholar was an unused substitute as England lost 1-0 to Germany in what was their final game of the tournament.

Benedikt Gimber's late goal ensured that the Germans lifted the trophy rather than John Peacock's men in what was a winner-takes-all clash.

Lowe came off the bench for England in their opening match, which was a 2-0 win over Holland

and he went straight into the starting XI for their 2-2 draw against Portugal a few days later. Lowe's two caps in the Algarve Tournament has now taken his total of Under-17 international caps up to eight.

Left-sider Lowe, capable of playing at full-back or in midfield, has impressed for Derby's Under-18 and Under-21 sides this season and has been an unused substitute for the first-team on two occasions.

MASON UP FOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARD

Derby County striker Mason Bennett has been nominated for Championship's Apprentice of the Year prize at the annual Football League Awards.

The England youth international is up against Jake Charles (Huddersfield Town) and Bryn Morris (Middlesbrough). The winners will be announced at a ceremony at The Brewery in London on Sunday 16th March 2014.

UNDER-21s AT THE iPRO STADIUM

Derby County Under-21s' home games with Huddersfield Town and Birmingham City will be played at the iPro Stadium.

Clubs are required to play two home games at their club's stadium and the games with the Terriers and the Blues are Derby's two selected Under-21 Professional Development League 2 North matches.

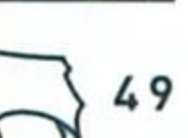
The Huddersfield game will be played on Wednesday 9th April (7pm) and the Birmingham clash will be played on Tuesday 15th April (7pm).

KEY TIME IN THE ACADEMY

Darren Wassall says the Derby County Academy has reached a key stage of the season. With less than two months of the campaign remaining, decisions on players' futures are high on the priority list.



Mason Bennett is up for an award



PRE-SEASON FIXTURES UNDER-21s

Date	Opposition	KO/Score
Sat 13th Jul	York City (A)	L 0-1
Tue 16th Jul	Leicester City (H)	W 2-1
Tue 23rd Jul	Brentford (H)	W 4-0
Sat 3rd Aug	Corby Town (A)	W 2-1
Fri 9th Aug	West Bromwich Albion (A)	L 1-3
Tue 13th Aug	Mickleover Sports (A)	W 2-1

2013-14 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opposition	KO/Score
Mon 19th Aug	Crewe Alexandra (A)	L 1-2
Mon 2nd Sep	Leeds United (A)	L 1-2
Wed 18th Sep	Coventry City (H)	W 4-2
Wed 25th Sep	Sheffield Wednesday (H)	W 3-1
Fri 4th Oct	Nottingham Forest (A)	W 2-1
Wed 23rd Oct	Hull City (H)	L 1-2
Mon 4th Nov	Huddersfield Town (A)	L 1-2
Tue 3rd Dec	Sheffield United (A)	L 0-2
Mon 13th Jan	Leeds United (H)	L 0-1
Tue 18th Feb	Sheffield Wednesday (A)	D 0-0
Mon 24th Feb	Crewe Alexandra (H)	D 1-1
Fri 28th Feb	Nottingham Forest (H)	D 1-1
Mon 3rd Mar	Barnsley (H)	W 4-2
Wed 12th Mar	Sheffield United (H)	1pm
Fri 21st Feb	Coventry City (A)	3pm
Wed 26th Mar	Birmingham City (A)	1pm
Mon 31st Mar	Barnsley (A)	1pm
Wed 9th Apr	Huddersfield Town (H)	1pm
Tues 15th Apr	Birmingham City (H)	7pm

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UNDER-18s 2013-14 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opposition	KO/Score
Sat 17th Aug	Crewe Alexandra (H)	W 4-1
Sat 24th Aug	Coventry City (A)	D 2-2
Sat 31st Aug	Huddersfield Town (A)	L 0-1
Sat 14th Sep	Barnsley (H)	L 0-2
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City (H)	D 1-1
Sat 5th Oct	Birmingham City (A)	L 1-2
Sat 12th Oct	Crystal Palace (A)	L 2-6
Sat 19th Oct	Sheffield United (H)	L 1-5
Sat 2nd Nov	Leeds United (A)	L 1-3
Sat 16th Nov	Charlton Athletic (H)	W 2-1
Sat 23rd Nov	Sheffield Wednesday (H)	D 2-2
Sat 30th Nov	Brighton and Hove Albion (A)	W 3-1
Tue 10th Dec	Wigan Athletic (FAYC) (H)	W 4-3
Sat 14th Dec	Huddersfield Town (H)	L 0-1
Sat 11th Jan	Barnsley (A)	L 1-2
Sat 18th Jan	Birmingham City (H)	D 1-1
Thu 23rd Jan	Stoke City FAYC (H)	W 3-1
Sun 10th Feb	Newcastle United (FAYC) (H)	L 0-1
Sat 22nd Feb	Sheffield Wednesday (A)	D 1-1
Sat 1st Mar	Millwall (A)	W 4-3
Sat 8th Mar	Nottingham Forest (H)	11am
Sat 15th Mar	Sheffield United (A)	11am
Sat 22nd Mar	Nottingham Forest (A)	10am
Sat 29th Mar	Leeds United (H)	11am
Sat 5th Apr	Cardiff City (A)	11am
Sat 12th Apr	Queens Park Rangers (H)	11am
Wed 16th Apr	Coventry City (H)	11am
Tue 22nd Apr	Brentford (H)	1pm

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Second-year scholars in the Under-18 side and first-year professionals in the Under-21 set-up, under the management of Lee Glover, will see their contracts expire in the summer.

Wassall said: "It's that time of the year again when there's a lot going on in the Academy. We've got some decisions to make with the second-year scholars and if we offer them professional contracts.

"As we've seen from this year we've got the ability to continue players' development in the Under-21 squad so that's something we'll assess.

"The first-year professionals also need to have their situations reviewed so it's a case of all hands on deck across the Academy."

The Under-18 side is also set to include a large number of new faces next season with scholarships already offered to as many as ten players.

"We've made some scholarship offers for next season so we're looking at getting the next Under-18s side together as soon as we can," said Wassall. "As it stands we'll have ten first-year scholars coming into the building from the start of July and that's quite exciting."

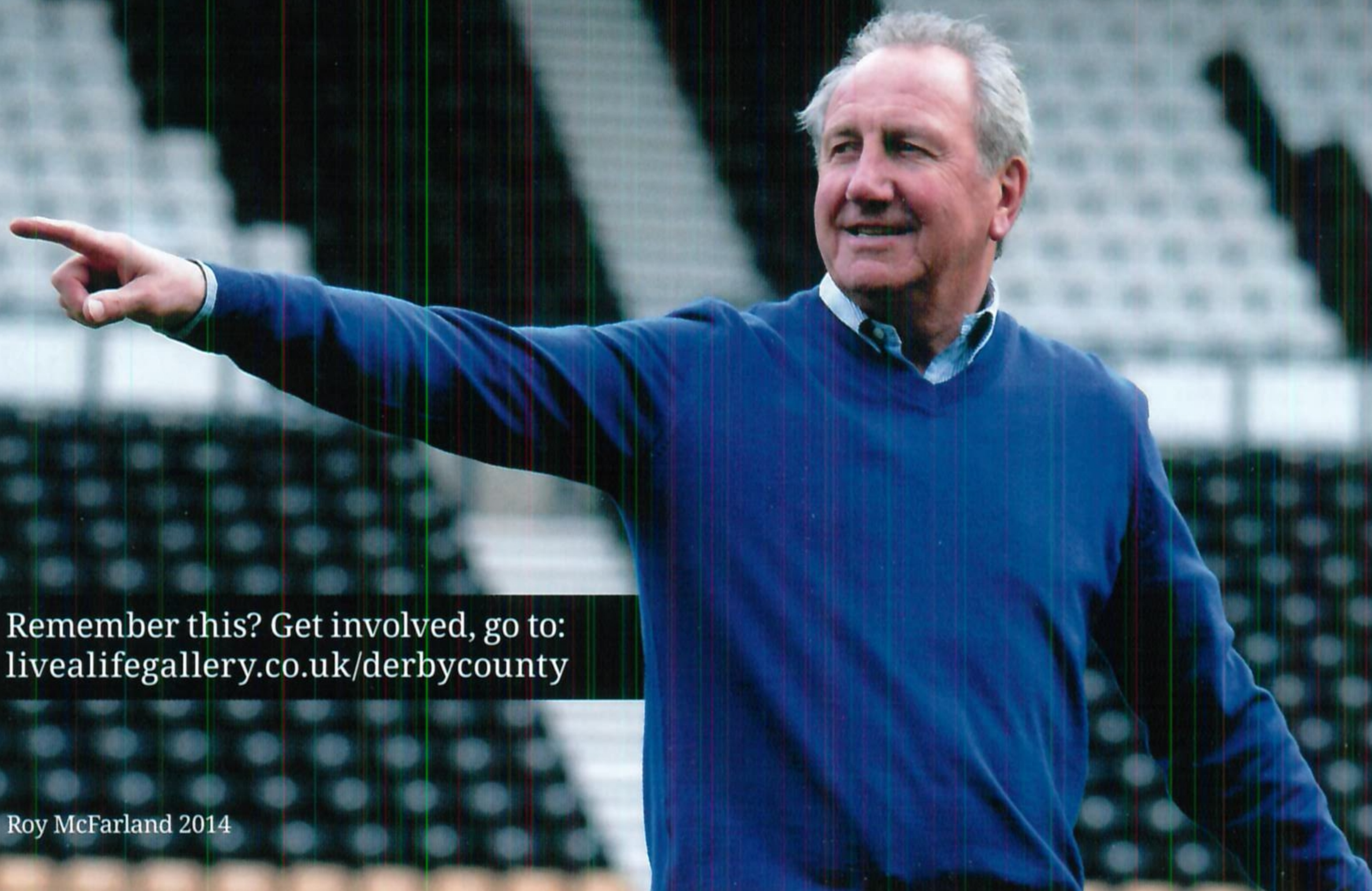


Academy manager Darren Wassall is already planning for next season



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DEAN YATES'S EARLY CAREER

▶ Leicester-born Dean Yates joined Notts County at the tender age of 14 before eventually signing professional forms as a 17-year-old in June 1985. Richie Barker, the ex-Derby striker, who was manager at Meadow Lane at the time gave Yates the opportunity he had been looking for and showing great promise he quickly broke into County's first-team, making his debut towards the end of the 1984-85 season.

County stalwart Jimmy Sirrel returned as manager following their relegation to Division Three and Yates was soon developing into a fine central defender. Neil Warnock took over from Sirrel in 1989 and after successive promotions they were back in the top-flight.

Yates had been outstanding, only rarely missing a match but a knee injury picked up against Arsenal turned out to be far more serious than at first thought and after struggling to regain fitness he was eventually side-lined for the best part of two seasons before returning to action at the beginning of the 1994-95 campaign.

During his time at Meadow Lane, Yates was selected to play for the England Under-21 side, going on to make five appearances for them altogether.

McFARLAND TAKES A CALCULATED GAMBLE

Although Yates had been playing professional football for almost ten years and had made 314 matches for the Magpies when manager Roy McFarland signed him for the Rams in January 1995, it was a calculated gamble because he had only been playing regular football for a few months after that long lay-off.

But McFarland knew a good centre-half when he saw one and the transfer fee of £350,000 seemed fair enough considering his fitness record. Yates's outstanding consistency had been a feature of an injury-free five-year spell as virtually an ever-present early in his career at Meadow Lane and if he had really got over his injury problems there seemed no reason why he couldn't continue in the same vein for Derby.

He made his debut at Reading taking over from Jason Kavanagh at right-back. The Rams lost 1-0 and it was the same scoreline at Port Vale in the next match but this time the new man had been switched to his more favoured central role. Playing alongside him was his ex-Notts County team-mate Craig Short.

There were hopes that they would forge a strong partnership if Derby could hold on to Short who was being watched by Premier League clubs. Results soon began to pick up and six wins and a draw from seven matches pushed the Rams into the top half of the table.



Dean Yates joined Derby from Notts County for a six-figure sum

DAVID MOORE'S...

DERBY COUNTY CULT HEROES



THIS WEEK DAVID MOORE RECALLS CENTRAL DEFENDER **DEAN YATES**, WHOSE CONSISTENT NO-FRILLS PERFORMANCES WERE SUFFICIENT TO PERSUADE THE FANS TO VOTE HIM AS THEIR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AHEAD OF THE MORE CHARISMATIC IGOR STIMAC AT THE END OF THE PROMOTION-WINNING 1995-96 SEASON.



The reliable centre-back helped Derby gain promotion to the Premiership

After five appearances in central defence Yates was switched to right-back and it was in that position that he picked up an injury in a 3-1 win at home to Bristol City on April Fools' Day, which kept him out for the rest of the season. Derby finished in an extremely disappointing ninth place and a frustrated Lionel Pickering decided it was time to make changes.

YATES THRIVES UNDER THE NEW MANAGER

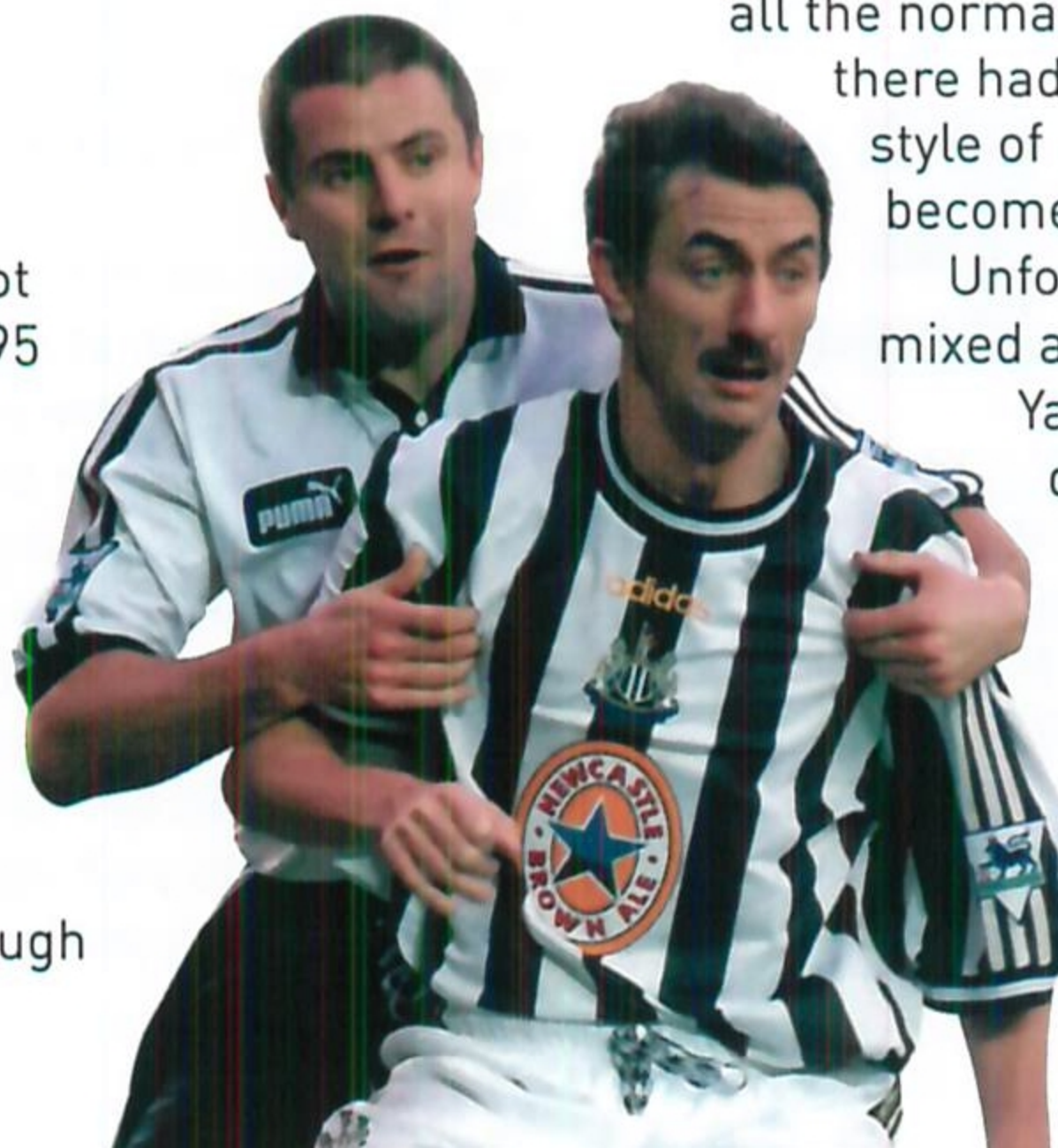
Roy McFarland's contract was not renewed at the end of the 1994-95 season and in came Jim Smith with the job, first and foremost, of balancing the books.

Derby cashed in on Short who was transferred to Everton before the start of the new season and six League games had come and gone before Yates was deemed fit enough to play.

His first appearance was in a home fixture against Southend United in mid-September. Derby's 1-0 win was only their second of the season and a lot of the credit had to go to the towering Yates who was as steady as a rock.

Early in his career he had been likened to Liverpool's Alan Hansen because, as well as having all the normal attributes of a central defender, there had been an elegant look about his style of play and that was beginning to become evident at Derby.

Unfortunately results continued to be mixed and in came Igor Stimac to partner Yates. After the Croatian's infamous debut at Tranmere, the Rams went 20 games without defeat with the new pairing proving to be a formidable central defensive partnership. The charismatic Stimac might have been getting most of the headlines but many observers reckoned that the most consistent performer in





Smith's side had been Yates, even though he rarely hit the headlines throughout a run of 42 consecutive League and cup appearances.

He even found time to score a couple of goals at the Baseball Ground in the second half of the season. The first was in a 3-2 victory over Portsmouth in February when his header helped the Rams recover after going behind early on, with the other coming in the return fixture against Tranmere Rovers in April, again with a header, which helped his rampant side to a 6-2 victory to avenge their heavy defeat at Prenton Park back in the autumn.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Fans usually get it right when they vote for their Player of the Year and they were spot on when they chose Yates at the end of the 1995-96 season. Whereas Stimac, quite rightly, had taken his fair share of the credit for the way that results had been transformed, when it came to sheer consistency week in week out Yates was the clear winner.

It was just a shame that he had to miss the last two League matches after picking up an injury to his suspect knee in training. Sadly, it included the famous promotion decider against Crystal Palace at the end of April.

He was desperate to play and must have been very close to doing so but Smith wasn't prepared to take the risk and the promising young Matt Carbon was drafted in to play alongside Stimac. Yates was bitterly disappointed to miss such a vital game but just prior to the game Smith informed him that he had been voted Player of the Year by the fans.

Collecting the Jack Stamps trophy before the kick-off was a proud moment and when the players made it clear to anyone within hearing distance of the dressing room before the kick-off that they were determined to win the game for him, it must have been particularly emotional.

DWIGHT YORKE THE VILLAIN

Yates was injured in Derby's first match in the top-flight the following season - a 3-3 draw at home to old rivals Leeds United - and it wasn't until the beginning of November that he returned to first-team action in a 2-0 victory over Leicester City at Pride Park.

By then Smith had swooped to sign the outstanding Paul McGrath, another player with well-publicised knee problems, and it became increasingly difficult for Yates to force his way back into the side unless Stimac was out of contention through injury. His total Premiership and cup appearances were restricted to just eight that season and it wasn't until December the following year that he was given a run in the side when Laursen and Stimac were out of action for a short period.

Unfortunately tragedy was to strike when Aston Villa arrived at Pride Park at the beginning of February. Derby had conceded just three goals in the seven games since Yates's return to the side. He had been gradually returning to something approaching his best form and it seemed that the worst of his injury problems might be behind him.

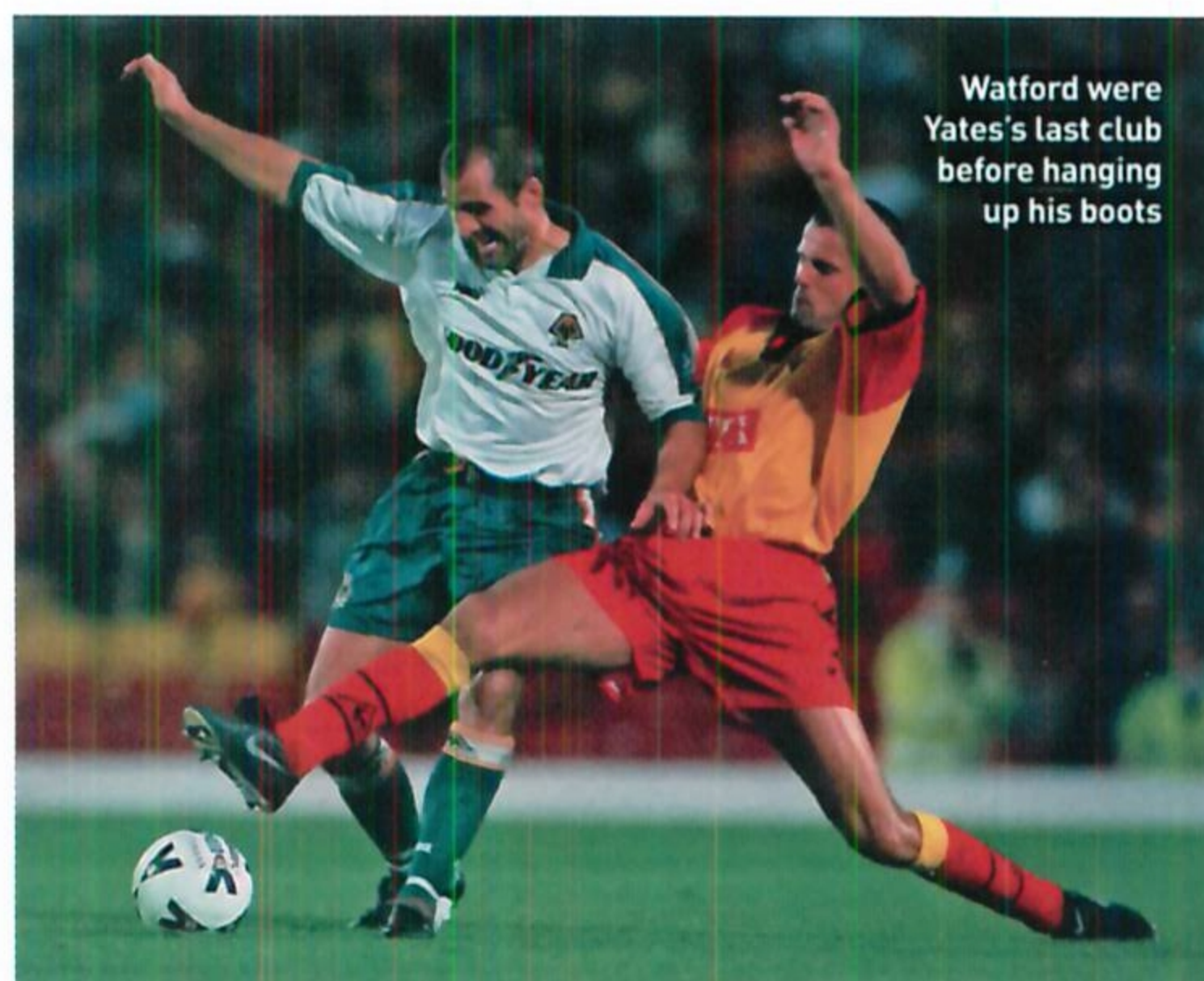
Early on in the Villa game he put in a fierce, but fair tackle on Stan Collymore, to which the Villa player took exception and there was a slight kerfuffle. Half an hour later Dwight Yorke came in late at speed and whacked Yates across his ankle, much to the satisfaction it seemed of Collymore who didn't show much sympathy, with Yorke himself even less concerned.

As Yates was carried off after lengthy treatment it was fairly obvious that he had suffered a bad injury to his ankle. Later it was confirmed that it was a career threatening one and he never played for Derby again. At the end of the season Smith, putting sentiment to one side, gave him a free-transfer and off he went to newly-promoted Watford.

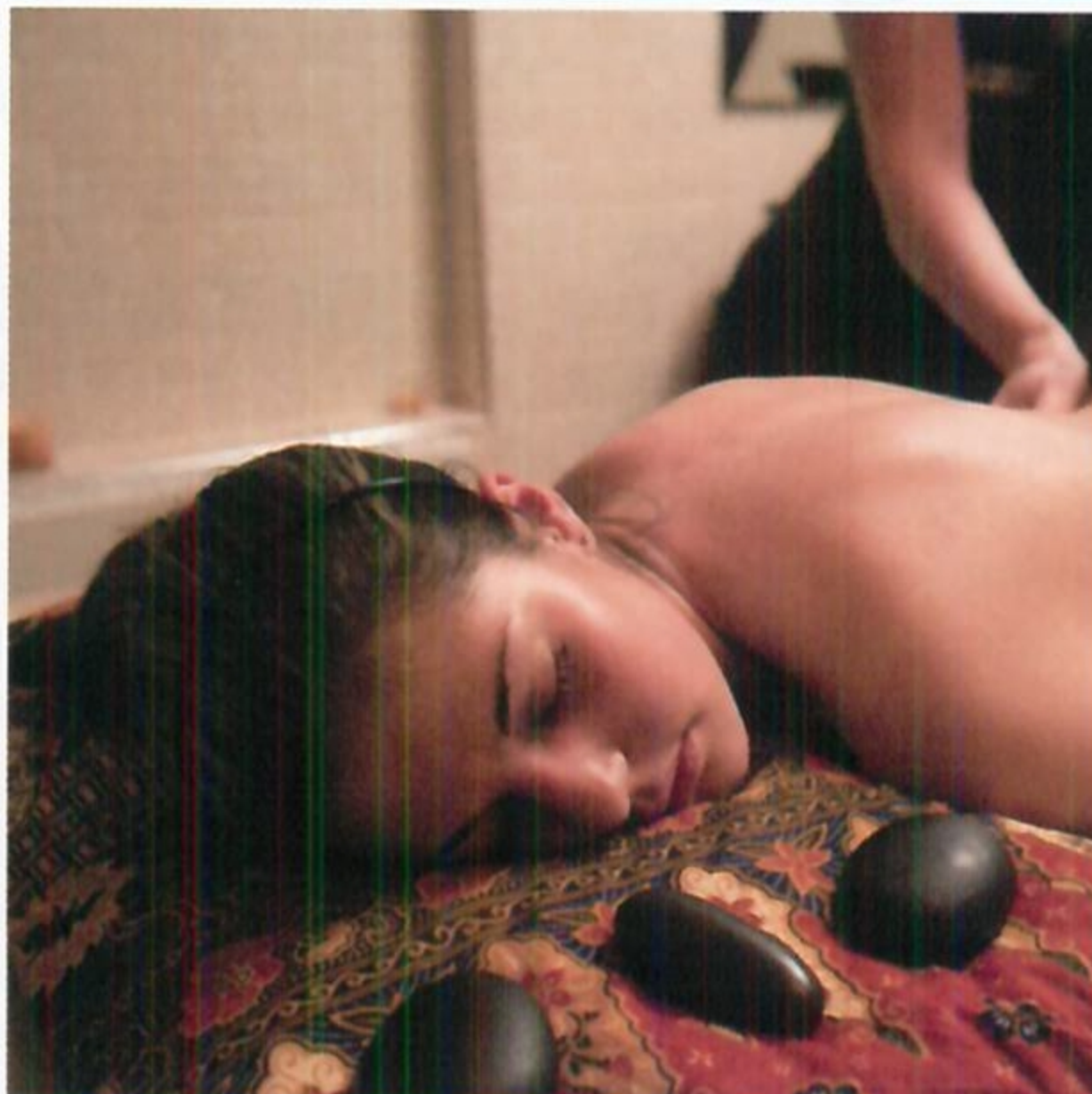
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Watford must have been fairly confident that Yates would make a full recovery because they gave him a three-year contract but further injury problems restricted him to just a handful of appearances in the 1998-99 season and he missed the whole of the following campaign before eventually calling it a day in 2000.

By then he played 400 matches in a 15-year career, scoring 37 goals. Not only can he consider himself a cult-hero to Derby supporters, he was just as highly respected by the fans at Meadow Lane which, of course, made him a particularly popular co-commentator for BBC Radio Nottingham covering Notts County's matches and one would like to think that he looks out for Derby's results too.



Watford were Yates's last club before hanging up his boots



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MARMITE MEN

THE PLAYERS FANS LOVED... OR LOATHED

RIGHT FROM THE DAYS WHEN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL BEGAN IT SEEMS THAT THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PLAYERS THAT DIVIDED OPINION. AT THE EXTREME WERE THE 'MARMITE MEN'. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU EITHER LOVED THEM OR HATED THEM. THIS SEASON DAVID MOORE WILL BE LOOKING AT SOME EX-DERBY COUNTY PLAYERS WHO HE THINKS MIGHT WELL FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY...

► **Striker IZALE McLEOD** joined Derby as a trainee and made his debut as a 17-year-old at Ipswich in September 2002. Horacio Carbonari was the scorer that day in a 1-0 win but McLeod did enough to keep his place in the side.

He scored goals in consecutive matches at home to Sheffield United at the end of October and away at Hillsborough a week later in a fine 3-1 victory and people were already beginning to take notice. He might have looked awkward but he had plenty of pace and could 'put himself about' and obviously had an eye for goal, even if his ball control left a lot to be desired.

There was definitely something to work on and by the end of the season had made 20 starts and nine substitute appearances. By then supporters had got used to his style of play, although there were mixed opinions about his overall ability and just one further goal that season in a 3-0 win at home to Rotherham was a disappointing return.

George Burley, who replaced manager John Gregory in March as interim manager, used him only sparingly, usually coming off the bench, although he was selected at centre forward in the first two matches of the following season by which time Burley had been handed the job on a permanent basis.

A knee cartilage injury picked up in training was a set-back and he made a further couple of starts and a handful of substitute appearances later in the season, scoring a goal at Pride Park in a 2-0 win against Sheffield United in January before joining the Blades on loan a couple of months later.

Presumably his goal against them hadn't gone unnoticed by Neil Warnock their manager. As it turned out, McLeod had played his last match for Derby and was transferred to Milton Keynes Dons in August 2004 for a reported £150,000 after making just 25 starts plus 16 substitute appearances. It was a shame that it didn't work out at Derby because despite his limitations he definitely had potential, even if he did catch the attention of referees rather too often.

Some supporters despaired about his erratic ball control and his shooting could be wayward but although he only scored four goals, he often looked dangerous because of his height, strength and above all his pace.

Since leaving Derby, McLeod has continued to delight and frustrate for a variety of clubs. His best days were at MK Dons where he scored an impressive 54 goals in 116 League games between 2004 and 2007. Not just that, he was selected to play for the England Under-21 side against Norway and was voted League Two Player of the Year.

Charlton took a gamble on him in 2008 paying Dons £1.1million for his services but unfortunately it didn't work out at The Valley. He did well at Barnet and Portsmouth though, banging in another 42 goals in just under a hundred games, although he continued to have his detractors because of the inconsistency that has hampered his career.

A short rather unproductive spell at Northampton earlier this season was cut short after he picked up an injury but since then he has re-joined MK Dons and a few weeks ago, as if it to prove that he is indeed a true Marmite Man, he scored two goals in what was described as a stunning display at Walsall.



Izale McLeod moved onto MK Dons after his spell at Derby

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Pictured on this page is a shot by Club Photographer Andy Clarke of a section of the Rams' support at this month's clash with Burnley at Turf Moor.

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Matchday tickets: Details of pay on the day will be confirmed on dcfc.co.uk prior to the day of the game.

Initial allocation: 1,668

Sale status: Available on General Sale from the Digonex Ticket Office until 12pm on Friday 14th March.

Roadrider: Leaves the iPro Stadium at 10am, costing Members £23 and Non-Members £25.



DERBY COUNTY vs NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Saturday 22nd March 2014

Kick-off: 12:15pm

Sky Bet Championship

Match category: Platinum

Ticket prices: Tickets for this match are available on general sale from the Digonex Ticket Office, starting from £32 for adults, £22.50 for senior citizens and £18 for under-18s.

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Kick-Off: 7:45pm

Sky Bet Championship

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Silver Games: Blackburn Rovers (4th August 2013), Birmingham City (26th October 2013), Blackpool (7th December), Doncaster Rovers (21st December 2013), Brighton & Hove Albion (18th January 2014), Millwall (8th March 2014), Charlton Athletic (29th March 2014), Huddersfield Town (12th April 2014).

Bronze Games: Burnley (31st August 2013), Ipswich Town (1st October 2013), Middlesbrough (4th December 2013), Yeovil Town (28th January 2014), AFC Bournemouth (22nd February 2014), Bolton Wanderers (11th March 2014).

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DERBY COUNTY GROUPS

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Derby County would like to welcome staff and friends of IMS Lettings, who will be having a group photograph pitch side and helping cheer on the Rams tonight against Bolton Wanderers.

Also in attendance are juniors from **Little Eaton Diamonds Football Club**. The youngsters will be leading out the teams as our player escorts and then taking part in the team handshakes in front of supporters at the iPro Stadium.

Elsewhere, **Spondon Rovers Football Club** junior will be lining the outside of the tunnel to form our Guard of Honour as the home and away teams emerge from their dressing rooms this evening, and **West Nottinghamshire College** students return to observe and analyse the players' warm up and their performance through the match.



TEAM OF THE WEEK: IMS LETTINGS

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With England beating Denmark last week we're giving a nod to some of the club's great Danes tonight. But can you spot the imposter among the trio of these former Derby players from the late 1990s?

MIKKEL
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JACOB LAURSEN

Two of the three facts about former Ram and current Bolton full-back Tyrone Mears are true. Can you root out the wrong'un?

1. The right-back represented West Ham, Derby, Burnley and Bolton in the Premier League.
2. The 31-year-old made seven outings for AS Monaco.
3. The one-cap Jamaican international scored his last League goal against the Rams in 2010 for Burnley.



We're taking a walk down memory lane in recalling the famous Play-off Final victory over West Brom from May 2007. The Rams reached the top-flight that day with a Stephen Pearson winner but can you remember the full Wembley squad? If so... can you then find the missing players' surnames in the wordsearch?

Pos.	No.	Name
GK	43	
RB	24	Tyrone Mears
CB	5	
CB	23	
LB	4	
RM	11	
CM	22	
CM	18	
LM	25	Stephen Pearson
CF	9	
CF	10	
SUBS		
GK	13	Lee Camp
DF	2	
MF	7	David Jones
MF	28	
FW	12	

B	T	V	U	V	N	Y	Y	L	O	C	J	X	I	L
H	Y	Q	A	T	F	E	J	H	D	M	N	J	X	E
D	F	W	Y	E	L	K	A	O	I	W	D	J	L	A
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V	A	A	V	T	N	E	D	W	O	R	T	H	Y	O
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M	Q	C	F	U	H	A	H	D	H	M	O	O	R	E
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J	T	N	V	S	T	U	N	O	P	D	N	R	L	L
H	B	E	E	R	P	R	N	K	K	S	W	N	A	V
N	N	A	D	F	X	W	X	E	O	R	C	A	S	O
Z	V	X	H	Z	N	H	D	N	X	T	Y	N	W	M

ANSWERS: odd one out's: Schorr is German; Are you pulling my leg? Fact two is wrong. Tyrone Mears played in Ligue 1 for Marseille; Wordsearch; GK; Stephen Wright, (CB) Dean Leacock, (CB) Darren Moore, (LB) James McEveley, (RW) Craig Fagan, (CM) Matt Oakley, (CM) Seth Johnson, (CF) Steve Howard, (CF) Paul Peschisolidi, Subs (DF) Marc Edworthy, (MF) Giles Barnes, (FW) Jon Macken.



CRAIG BRYSON TALKS US THROUGH HIS A-Z OF FOOTBALL AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

A IS FOR ANGRY

Who has the worst temper in the squad? Chris Martin is a very angry man who seems to lose his head constantly. He is an angry guy, even when he comes into training first thing in the morning.

B IS FOR BELTER

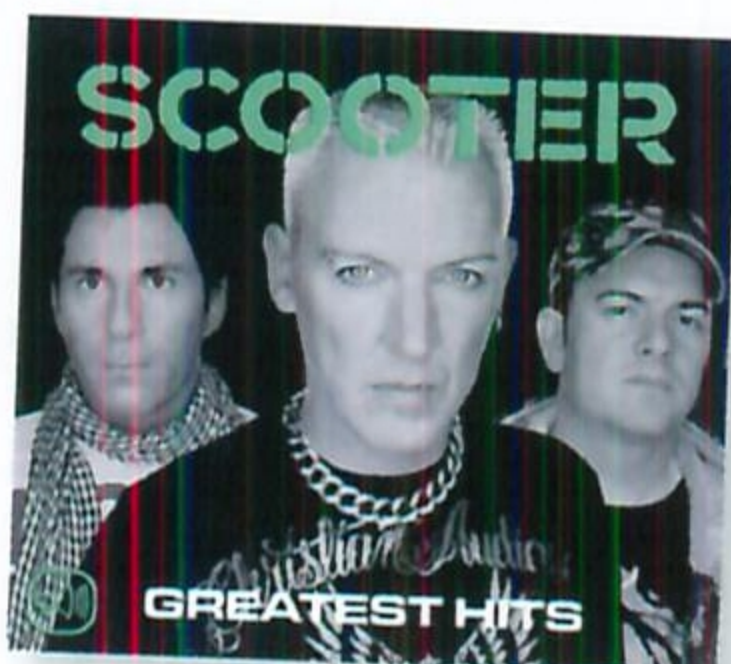
Who is the best player in the world in your position? Andrés Iniesta.

C IS FOR COOKING

What is your signature dish? Chicken pasta with a bit of tomato and ricotta pesto... that's the best I can conjure up!

D IS FOR DESERT ISLAND DISCS

What album would you take on a desert island? Scooter's greatest hits. Tremendous.



E IS FOR EVENING

How do you spend time after training? Walk the dog for a couple of hours, have a coffee, watch Homes Under the Hammer and Restoration Man then the missus comes back from work and I cook the dinner.

F IS FOR FILM

What's your favourite movie? Braveheart.

G IS FOR GUILTY PLEASURE

What is your guilty pleasure when you go to the supermarket? Nothing - I am dedicated to my profession. I do like a bit of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Peanut Butter Cup flavour, though.



H IS FOR HIGHLIGHT

What's been the best moment of your career? Scoring a hat-trick against Millwall and netting the winner against Nottingham Forest are certainly up there. Another real stand out moment was when we overcame Celtic while I was playing for Clyde at the beginning of my career.

I IS FOR INTELLIGENCE

Who is the brainbox amongst the players? You do know this is a group of footballers? I'll go with Lee Grant, Chris Martin and Adam Legzdins, they seem to come out with words that I don't understand quite a bit. We were playing golf the other day and Conor Sammon was looking for his ball, Chris perked up and said it was next to the "silver birch." We didn't have a clue what he was talking about... "it's next to the white tree Sammo!"

J IS FOR JOKER

Who is the funniest player at the club? Probably Ben Davies but obviously he is out on loan at the moment. Johnny Russell is a good laugh too, but he does tend to get bullied a bit. The other day when we were playing golf, Sammo hit a shot along the ground and Johnny shouted: "Sammo, I've got a strimmer in my bag if you want it!"

K IS FOR KIT

What was your first football shirt? A Celtic shirt, I have had a few of them over the years, including ones with Bobo Baldé's and Stiliyan Petrov's name on the back.

L IS FOR LANGUAGES

Can you speak any others? I struggle with English but I can speak Scottish really well.

M IS FOR MOANER

Who's the worst at the club? Chris Martin or Richard Keogh by far, they moan about everything and anything.

N IS FOR NICKNAME

What was your nickname at school and do the lads have one for you now? There is a few: 'Brys' 'Bryso', 'Rat' or 'Pest'.

O IS FOR OPPOSITION

Who is the best team you have ever faced? When I was at Clyde we played Manchester United in a pre-season friendly and they brought the whole squad with them, so that included the likes of Wayne Rooney, Ruud Van Nistelrooy, Paul Scholes, Cristiano Ronaldo and Ryan Giggs.

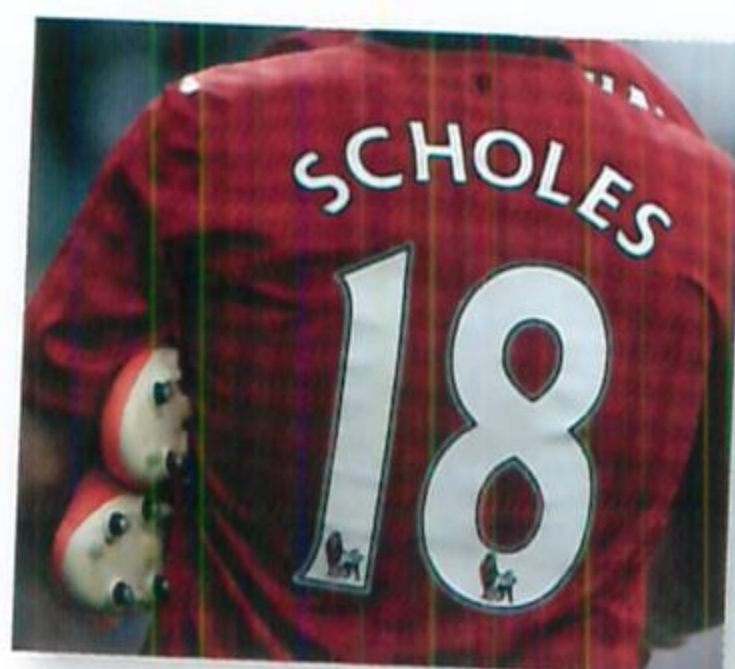


P IS FOR PITCH

Best home game you played in for the Rams? Beating Nottingham Forest with Jake Buxton scoring a late winner was a great moment. The comeback against Yeovil Town recently ranks pretty highly too.

Q IS FOR QUALITY

Who is the best player you have played against? Probably Paul Scholes, but I have also come up against Roy Keane and Robbie Keane while playing in Scotland.



R IS FOR RULE

What law in football would you change? I don't think you should get booked after an over exuberant goal celebration. The offside rule needs looking at too.

S IS FOR SPORTS

What other sport do you like? I like playing golf; we've got a few of us that play quite regularly; Sammon, Martin, Coutts, Keogh, Russell, Forsyth and Eustace. Johnny is pretty shocking; I think his ball has a 'tree magnet' in it.

T IS FOR TELEVISION

What is your favourite TV show? I have recently finished Breaking Bad and that was amazing. I am into my property programmes too, so I like 'Homes Under the Hammer', 'Location, Location, Location', 'Grand Designs'... all of them.



U IS FOR UNDER THE THUMB

Which player out of the squad is who is subservient in a relationship? Mark O'Brien. He spends his evenings staying at home on FaceTime to his girlfriend.

V IS FOR VIEWED

What was the last game you watched? On television I watched a bit of the Chesterfield vs Portsmouth game last Monday night, it was the only thing on. The last game I went to go and watch was Celtic against AC Milan in the Champions League.

W IS FOR WEEKEND

How do you spend your weekends if the Rams don't have a fixture? Go to the shops or take the dog - Charlie-Haggis Bryson - to a big park somewhere.

X IS FOR X-RAY

Have you ever broken a bone? I broke my nose while playing for Kilmarnock. I went up for a header on the edge of the penalty area and one of the Inverness players headed my nose. We still scored from the same attack though!

Y IS FOR YOUNGSTER

What were you like at school? Really smart. I got two 'Highers' - I don't know what that is equivalent to in England, maybe A-Levels? I got them in P.E and Administration, which involved spreadsheets, databases and filing - I am a great filer.

Z IS FOR ZZZ

What do you do before you got to bed at night? Turn everything off.



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BOLTON WANDERERS

TURNING POINT?

It should have been a day of celebration but many believe it was the point where Bolton Wanderers entered a period of hardship.

Three years ago next month thousands of supporters travelled to Wembley, full of excitement and expectation, but it was to be a long journey back to the North West after witnessing the heaviest FA Cup semi-final defeat by any club in 72 years.

Thirteen months after the 5-0 mauling by Stoke City, Wanderers were relegated and, as well as they recovered from a bad start in the Championship, they were cruelly denied a promotion

opportunity in the final fixture against Blackpool.

Just as they had lost their Premier League place in 2012 through the lack of a winning goal, so they also missed out on the play-offs in 2013 despite wiping out a 2-0 deficit in a rip-roaring first-half in front of 24,844 at The Reebok.

For the second season in succession a 2-2 draw in the last match was not quite enough as the last play-off spot went to Leicester City on goal difference.

Dougie Freedman, manager for only six months, took heart from performances on the extended run-in and aimed to be "in a better place this time next year."

THE COST

There is always a cost incurred in relegation, whether the impact is in finances or performances on the field, and for Bolton it was particularly difficult after two qualifications for Europe in 11 years in the Premier League.

In December, their parent company, Burnden Leisure PLC, revealed a loss of £50.7million after a drop of 24 per cent in gates at The Reebok and accompanying falls in television, sponsorship and corporate revenues.

Wanderers' chairman, Phil Gartside, told the official website: "This year's results show the difficulties faced in the football business when a club has enjoyed a sustained and successful period in the Premier League... then suffers relegation back to the Football League Championship."

In summary he added: "The ever widening gap between the two leagues makes the transition extremely difficult, even with the benefits of parachute payments from the Premier League."

Total staff costs were reduced by £18million as a result of players leaving or evoking of relegation clauses in contracts.

On the field Bolton were close to bouncing back at the first attempt, having noticeably outperformed their partners in relegation. While Blackburn finished 17th, the unthinkable overtook Wolves with relegation to League One.





THE DISAPPOINTMENT

In one way it was an achievement to have got so close to success but in another it was a shattering disappointment after taking 34 points from the last 17 games.

Not surprisingly this led to Wanderers being named third favourites to win promotion this season but it has not worked out that way. Far from it, in fact.

Wanderers spent all of September in the bottom three, steadied the ship in eight games without defeat and then took a turn for the worse when conceding a dozen goals in successive away games at Leicester and Reading.

While more competitive in subsequent performances, they continued to be stuck close to the danger area after letting a lead slip in two drawn games in February. They were two up at home to Bournemouth and missed a penalty which had given them a 2-0 lead at Millwall.

This was not as costly as it might have been, partly because



BAD DAYS

The 7-1 defeat at Reading this season was the biggest suffered by Wanderers since they lost by a similar score to Queens Park Rangers in a Division Two fixture at Loftus Road in May 1982.

Charlton dropped into the bottom three alongside long-term residents Barnsley and Yeovil, but there was work to be done.

Freedman had targeted a run of four home games out of five, but with only one point taken from meetings with Bournemouth and Burnley, the stakes were higher

for the next back-to-back games against Watford and Blackburn.

Happily, this opportunity was not missed. A 2-0 win against the Hornets countered victories on the same day for the bottom three and a 4-0 walloping of Blackburn – their best result against Rovers in 86 years – blew away any remaining clouds.

A relaxed Freedman was able to say to the Bolton News: "I am very comfortable with whatever team comes at us now."

THE INJURIES

When Bolton slipped out of the Premier League, they might have pinpointed several players who would be key to a speedy return.

Such a list would have included an international goalkeeper in Adam Bogdan, a near-international defender in David Wheater and an influential midfielder in Mark Davies.

Yet this trio have started fewer than half of the Championship games since 2012 and this season injuries have again seriously curtailed their availability.

Bogdan, having completed a World Cup qualifying group with

IN THE PAST

10 Years Ago – Saturday 13 March 2004: Premiership 2003-04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	28	21	7	0	55	18	70
11 Middlesbrough	28	9	7	12	29	35	34
12 BOLTON WANDERERS	28	8	10	10	32	44	34
13 Southampton	27	8	9	10	27	27	33

20 Years Ago – Saturday 5 March 1994: Division One 1993-94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Crystal Palace	33	18	8	7	57	37	62
11 Wolverhampton W.	32	11	13	8	46	32	46
12 BOLTON WANDERERS	33	12	10	11	43	40	46
13 Bristol City	33	12	10	11	34	37	46

30 Years Ago – Tuesday 13 March 1984: Division Three 1983-84

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Oxford United	33	20	6	7	66	41	66
7 Orient	34	15	7	12	50	53	52
8 BOLTON WANDERERS	33	14	9	10	44	36	51
9 Gillingham	31	15	6	10	53	48	51

Hungary, was out from October to February after a training injury but the other two spent more time in the treatment room.

Davies was absent from February to December last year and Wheeler missed much of last season as well as a chunk of the current campaign.

It was February before the three were together in the starting team.

The march of time is such that Bogdan, Wheeler and Davies are among only five players from the Wembley semi-final squad in 2011. The others are Zat Knight and Lee Chung-Yong.

Of those who left, the parting was particularly painful for Kevin Davies, captain of the club and a talisman in making 407 appearances and scoring 85 goals in 10 years.

In July he signed a two-year deal at Preston and if North End continue their recent form in League One, it's possible that he could be back at The Reebok for a Championship fixture next season.

THE NEWCOMERS

In freshening up the squad for the second half of the season, Freedman said farewell to a pair of strikers and brought in two replacements.

While Frenchman David Ngog was sold to Swansea and Craig Davies was loaned to Preston, Lukas Jutkiewicz arrived from Middlesbrough for the rest of the season and Joe Mason is on loan from Cardiff until April.

Two other loans gave the manager additional quality in midfield. Neil Danns was re-signed from Leicester after an earlier stint at The Reebok and Liam Trotter came in from a successful spell at Millwall which began with promotion from League One at Wembley in 2010.

In a later deal, international full-back Alan Hutton arrived on loan from Aston Villa.

A number of senior players moved on during the summer, among them Sam Ricketts (Wolves), Marvin Sordell (Charlton), Keith Andrews (Brighton) and Marcos Alonso,

Jermaine Beckford has eight goals to his name this season



who went to Fiorentina in Serie A but returned to the UK with Sunderland in January.

At senior level, half-a-dozen replacements brought the squad up to strength for the second season in the Championship.

Striker Jermaine Beckford, midfielder Jay Spearing and defenders Alex Baptiste and Marc Tierney played in the Premier League with previous clubs, and while Rob Hall had minimal experience at West Ham, the winger was a highly-rated prospect after loans with Birmingham and Bolton last season.

In the long run, Bolton hope to bring through more youngsters from the youth academy. One attracting interest is 19-year-old Bulgarian goalscorer Georg Iliev, who signed his first professional contract in January.

Lukas Jutkiewicz has been borrowed from Middlesbrough





Alex Baptiste



Neil Danns



Matt Mills



Jay Spearing

BOLTON WANDERERS ROLL-CALL 2013-14

PLAYER	BIRTHPLACE/DATE	LAST CLUB	2013-14 STATISTICS		
			LGE APPS	CUP APPS	GOALS
Alex Baptiste	Sutton-in-Ashfield 31.1.86	Blackpool	32	3(1)	4
Yannick Bastos	Luxembourg 30.5.93	FC Differdange	-	-	-
Jermaine Beckford	Ealing 9.12.83	Leicester City	16(7)	1(1)	8
Adam Bogdan	Budapest 27.9.87	Vasas	17	-	-
Neil Danns	Liverpool 23.11.82	Leicester City (L)	17(5)	2	4
Mark Davies	Willenhall 18.2.88	Wolves	9(4)	-	-
Chris Eagles	Hemel Hempstead 19.11.85	Burnley	13(3)	2	1
Rob Hall	Aylesbury 20.10.93	West Ham United	6(9)	2	2
Stuart Holden	Aberdeen 1.8.85	Houston Dynamo	-	-	-
Alan Hutton	Glasgow 30.11.84	Aston Villa (L)	-	-	-
Georg Iliev	Sofia 23.10.94	CSKA Sofia	-	-	-
Lukas Jutkiewicz	Southampton 20.3.89	Middlesbrough (L)	6(1)	-	3
Zat Knight	Solihull 2.5.80	Aston Villa	16(5)	4	-
Lee Chung-Yong	Seoul 2.7.88	FC Seoul	23(10)	1(1)	1
Arran Lee-Barrett	Ipswich 28.2.84	Millwall	-	-	-
Andy Lonergan	Preston 19.10.83	Leeds United	16	4	-
Jay Lynch	Salford 31.3.93	Academy	-	-	-
Joe Mason	Plymouth 13.5.91	Cardiff City (L)	7(3)	-	3
Tyrone Mears	Stockport 18.2.83	Burnley	1	2	-
Mohamed Medo	Bo 16.11.87	Partizan Belgrade	22(5)	4	2
Matt Mills	Swindon 14.7.86	Leicester City	26	3	1
Andre Moritz	Florianopolis 6.8.86	Crystal Palace	5(11)	1(3)	6
Darren Pratley	Barking 22.4.85	Swansea City	19(1)	2(1)	2
Tim Ream	St Louis 5.10.87	New York Red Bulls	29	3	-
Joe Riley	Salford 13.10.91	Academy	-	-	-
Jay Spearing	Wallasey 25.11.88	Liverpool	32	1	2
Marc Tierney	Prestwich 23.8.85	Norwich City	8	1	-
Liam Trotter	Ipswich 24.8.88	Millwall (L)	2(3)	-	-
Josh Vela	Salford 14.12.93	Academy	-	1(1)	-
David Wheeler	Redcar 14.2.87	Middlesbrough	11	-	-
Hayden White	London 15.4.95	Sheffield Wednesday	-1	-	-
Tom Youngs	London 6.9.94	Academy	-	-1	-
Own Goals	-	-	-	-	1
ALSO PLAYED: Keith Andrews (on loan to Brighton) 1 Lge, 1 sub Cup; Craig Davies (on loan to Preston) 3(6) Lge, 2 Cup; Tom Eaves (on loan to Shrewsbury) 1 Cup; Liam Feeney (on loan from Millwall) 3(1) Lge; Kevin McNaughton (on loan from Cardiff) 13 Lge, 1 goal; David Ngog (to Swansea) 10(7) Lge, 2 Cup, 4 goals; Sanmu Osdelusi (on loan to MK Dons) 5 subs Lge, 2(1) Cup, 2 goals					

THE BOSS: DOUGIE FREEDMAN

Born: Glasgow, 21st January 1974

PLAYER:

Clubs: Queen's Park Rangers (1992-94), Barnet (1994-95), Crystal Palace (1995-97), Wolverhampton Wanderers (1997-98), Nottingham Forest (1998-00), Crystal Palace (2000-08), Leeds United (loan, 2008), Southend United (2008-10)

League record: 520 games, 160 goals

Honours: Crystal Palace (promotion from Division One, 1996-97 & 2003-04)

International: Scotland, 2 (Full), 1 (B), 8 (U21)

MANAGER

Club: Crystal Palace (assistant manager, Mar 2010; manager, 2011-12), Bolton Wanderers (Oct 2012 to date)



LEAGUE RECORD	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crystal Palace	79	25	27	27	102
Bolton Wanderers	66	22	23	21	89
TOTAL	145	47	50	48	155
(to 1st March 2014 – NOT including last match v Leeds)					

PLAYER FACT

Defender with wide experience – from League Two at Mansfield to Premier League at Blackpool

A January signing, already a full international in World Cup qualifiers for Luxembourg

Widely travelled striker, he was capped by Jamaica and scored his 100th career League goal last season

Hungary's 'keeper in World Cup qualifying, out for 13 weeks with a knee injury until resuming in February

Goalscoring midfielder on the loan circuit for two years, starting at Bristol City and Huddersfield

Signed a new four-year deal last February but then was out for nearly 10 months with a knee injury

A Manchester United discovery, going on to play in promoted sides at Watford and Burnley

On loan at four clubs, including Bolton, before signing a four-year deal at The Reebok last July

American midfielder, desperately unlucky with knee injuries since going to the 2010 World Cup

Scotland full-back, out of League football for nine months since a loan at Real Mallorca last season

Scored a hat-trick in five minutes against Spurs in an Under-21 Premier League fixture last month

The January signing made an early impact with goals in draws with Bournemouth and Millwall

Capped by England in 2005, a £4million defender with Aston Villa, now in fifth season at The Reebok

A £2.5million recruit in the Premier League, now on course for his second World Cup tournament

England C international at Weymouth, he signed in October as goalkeeping cover

In his second season as No.2 'keeper, replacing the injured Bogdan from October to February

Youngest of Bolton's 'keepers but sidelined with a back problem this season

Ireland Under-21 striker, who scored in his first start in each of two loan spells in the North West this season

Ex-Rams full-back, later moving on, via Marseille, to join Burnley in the Premier League

Sierra Leone midfielder, based in Finland and Serbia until recruited in January last year

Experienced defender - promoted at Doncaster before a big-money signing for Reading and Leicester

Signed by Dougie Freedman at two clubs, re-joining him after winning promotion with Crystal Palace

Signed in 2011 after leaving Premier League-bound Swansea after appearing in the Play-off Final

American international defender, taking over from Gary Cahill at centre-back in 2012

Young full-back with successive Premier League starts soon after his 20th birthday

In Liverpool's squad for two Wembley finals in 2012, starting in the FA Cup v Chelsea

An ankle fracture put the full-back's first season at the club on hold at the end of September

Began his Millwall career in a Play-off Final, now on loan in his last year of his contract at The Den

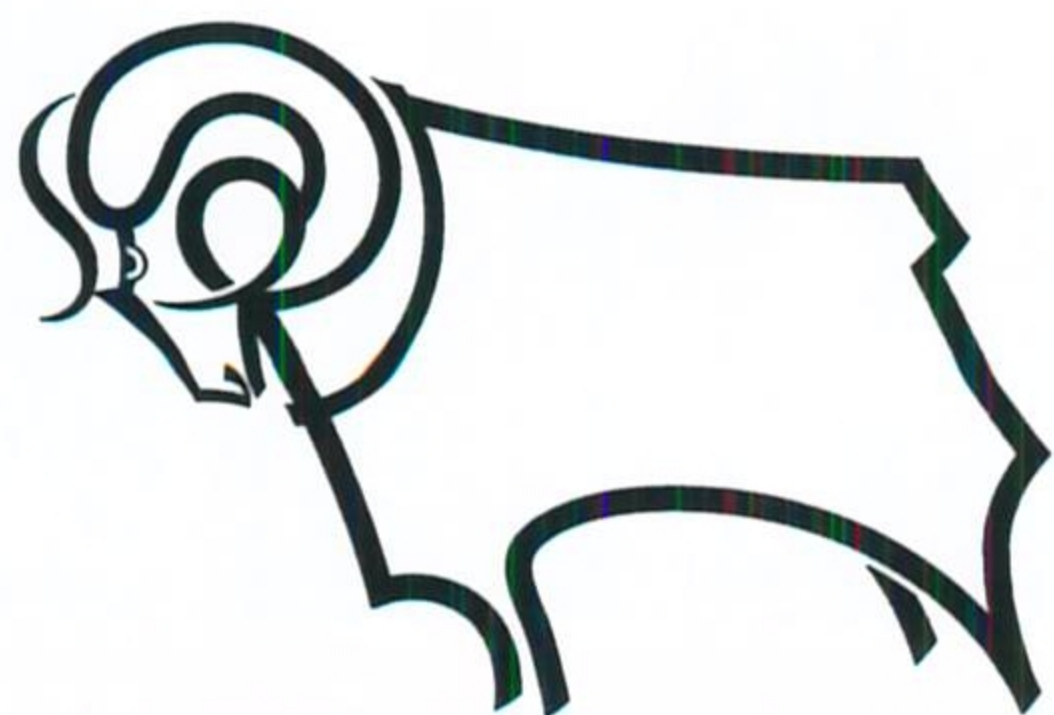
Talented midfielder, making his debut in Premier League but held back by injuries

The 6ft 5in defender re-started his season in February after a niggling knee problem

Recruited from Hillsborough last summer, the full-back made an impressive debut in January

Teenage striker, signed a first professional deal soon after a debut in the Capital One Cup

Up to Saturday 1st March – NOT including last match v Leeds United (a)



DERBY COUNTY Community Trust

THE RAM TAKES A LOOK AT THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE DERBY COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST – THE RAMS' AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY SCHEME...

OPEN FOR RECRUITMENT

Derby County Community Trust are now receiving applications for two of their education programmes for the 2014-15 season.

The Derby County Futsal Scholarship offers an opportunity for 16 to 18-year-olds (both boys and girls) to pursue a Futsal and Education scholarship with the football club; allowing you to study a Level 3 BTEC alongside playing Futsal. If you have achieved four 'A-C' GCSE grades or above, then this course could be for you.

The course is based at the iPro Stadium in the Orchid IT Technical Area, with the Futsal games taking place at the National Futsal Arena in Birmingham. The Orchid IT Technical Area, is a non-traditional learning environment situated in the football stadium. It is equipped with the latest computers, laptops and other digital equipment to aid learning in unique ways.

During the scholarship you can also earn qualifications that will help you gain employment in the sport and leisure industry; as well as training and competing in a professional Futsal environment for Derby County against other clubs in the Football League.

Derby County Football and Education programme is an exciting initiative, now in its third year. The programme in partnership with Derby College sees students undertake three training sessions per week and also represent Derby County in the 'Elite' British Colleges Sport National League.

The education programme is delivered by the highly skilled staff at Derby College with students having the choice of undertaking A-levels as well as a number of sport based qualifications.

For more information about these the programmes, please contact Adam Thorley on **07790845363** or email **adam.thorley@dcfc.co.uk**

HALF-TERM COACHING COURSES A SUCCESS

Derby County Community Trust run holiday coaching camps at different venues around Derbyshire throughout the school holidays.

These courses are not only a good chance for young players to practice and develop their skills in a fun and safe environment, but also gives participants an opportunity to take part in the challenges and themed days set by the coaches.

During February half-term participants and coaches at the Trust's biggest course at the Powerleague Soccerdome dressed as their favourite Super Hero for the day and took part in Super Hero themed challenges, games and tournaments. Prizes were also awarded for the best costumes, which left the coaches with a few very difficult decisions!

Preparations are already in place for the Easter Holiday Coaching Courses, with plans for an Easter Egg Hunt around the iPro Stadium featuring on Thursday 17th April on the agenda.

For more information on how to get involved with our Holiday Coaching Courses please visit **derbycountycommunitytrust.com** or call **01332 667575**.





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COMING NEXT...

THE RAM LOOKS AHEAD TO DERBY COUNTY'S NEXT HOME FIXTURE AT THE IPO STADIUM...

DERBY COUNTY vs NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Saturday 22nd March 2014
(12:15pm)
Sky Bet Championship

Derby County will be looking to avenge for their 1-0 local derby defeat at the City Ground in September when they welcome Nottingham Forest to the iPro Stadium a week on Saturday.

The Rams are unbeaten in their last two meetings with their bitter rivals on home turf - while the game against the Reds will be Steve McClaren's first East Midlands derby in charge of the Rams.

OPPOSITION FOCUS

It's perhaps unsurprising to see Nottingham Forest challenging at the top-end of the Championship this season after narrowly missing out on a top six spot last time around.

Under the leadership of Billy Davies, who has experienced as many as four campaigns in the play-offs during his managerial career, the Reds have mounted a strong promotion charge.

Dreams of a promotion back to the Premier League for the first time since 1998-99 increased after the Reds embarked

on a 14-game unbeaten run from late 2013 until the end of February 2014.

Davies strengthened his squad in the January transfer window with Rafik Djebbour (Olympiacos), Danny Fox (Southampton), Kevin Gomes (Nice), David Vaughan (Sunderland) and Jack Hobbs (Hull City) all adding to the options at his disposal.

However, injuries have hit Forest hard in recent weeks and a number of key players have been forced to spend more time in the treatment room than on the pitch. Andy Reid, Jack Hobbs, Kelvin Wilson, David Vaughan, Henri Lansbury and Chris Cohen are just some of the players that are nursing injuries.

Despite the disappointment of key players being sidelined - Davies is remaining positive. "The fact that we are still in the top six with so many players out tells you how well the team has done so far this season," he said.

"I have said all along there will be twists and turns. Until it is mathematically impossible, then anything is possible. We will continue to be positive."

Nine wins, five draws and just three defeats on home turf have been instrumental in Forest's play-off charge - while six defeats in 33

matches has signalled the Reds are a tough nut to crack.



ONE TO WATCH

Attacker **JAMIE PATERSON** has been in fine form for Forest since the turn of the Year following his move from Walsall in the summer. The winger used the opening months of the campaign as a bedding in period after stepping up to the Championship from League One, and his form since January has been nothing short of outstanding.

The 22-year-old scored his first goals for the club with a hat-trick against West Ham United in Round Three of the FA Cup and he hasn't stopped scoring since. In total he has bagged 10 goals in the space of 14 games up until the weekend during 2014. Capable of playing out wide or in a more advanced attacking role, there are high hopes for the Coventry-born player.

TICKET NEWS

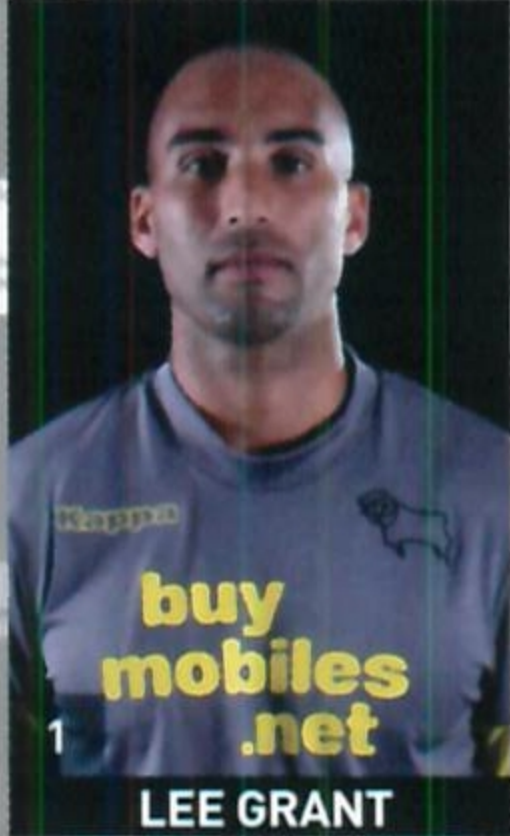
Ticket information for this game can be found by turning to page 59 of The Ram.



Billy Davies brings his side to the iPro Stadium later this month



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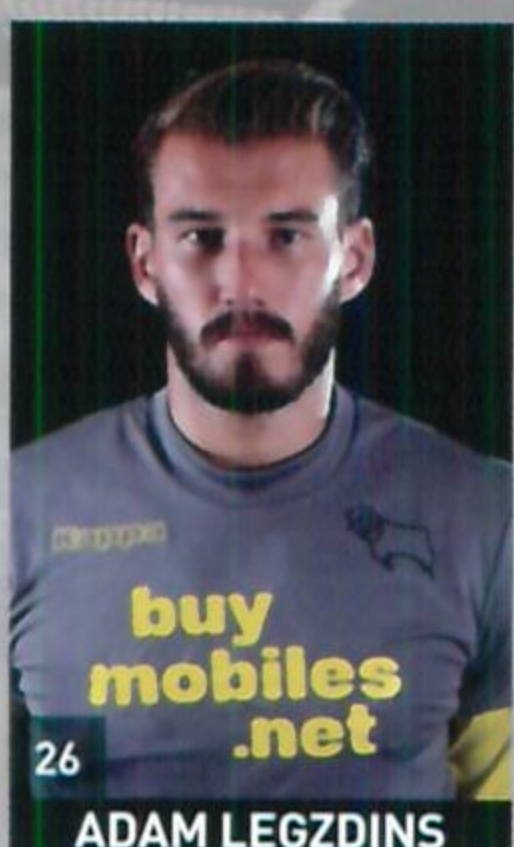


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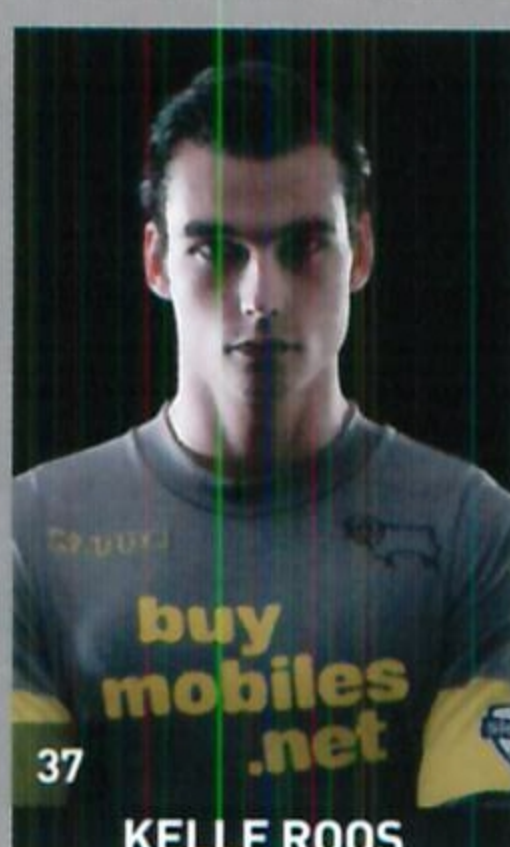
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STAT ATTACK

LINE-UPS 2013-14



DATE	KO/F-A	H/A	OPPOSITION	POS	ATT	REF	SCORERS
AUGUST							
Sun 04 Aug	D 1-1	H	Blackburn Rovers	14th	21,188	Attwell	Russell (43p), Best (89)
Tue 06 Aug	W 1-0	A	Oldham Athletic (COC1)	-	5,000	Lewis	Jacobs (20)
Sat 10 Aug	W 2-1	A	Brighton and Hove Albion	5th	26,238	D'Urso	Ulloa (17), Martin (27, 47)
Sat 17 Aug	L 0-1	H	Leicester City	12th	23,437	R. Madley	Grant OG (37)
Sat 24 Aug	W 3-0	A	Yeovil Town	8th	7,047	Hill	Russell (42), Bryson (45), Martin (58)
Tue 27 Aug	W 5-0	H	Brentford (COC2)	-	9,076	Bond	Martin (19, 77), Sammon (36, 71), Hughes (38)
Sat 31 Aug	L 0-3	H	Burnley	14th	23,514	A. Madley	Ings (14), Vokes (32), Shackell (74)
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 14 Sep	W 5-1	A	Millwall	7th	9,523	Stroud	Buxton (9), Bryson (45, 57, 81), Waghorn (75), Bennett (87)
Tue 17 Sep	D 2-2	A	Bolton Wanderers	8th	14,260	Mathieson	Baptiste (5), Russell (7, 18), Eagles (41)
Sat 21 Sep	L 1-3	H	Reading	11th	21,465	Robinson	Pogrebnyak (47, 62), Hughes (80), Blackman (90)
Tue 24 Sep	L 1-2	A	Leicester City (COC3)	-	14,043	Whitstone	Martin (42), Knockaert (78), Drinkwater (81)
Sat 28 Sep	L 0-1	A	Nottingham Forest	14th	28,276	Hooper	Hobbs (41)
OCTOBER							
Tue 01 Oct	D 4-4	H	Ipswich Town	14th	21,037	Kettle	Berra (7), Murphy (9, 34), Whitbread (12), Cresswell (14), Bryson (47, 88), Ward (61)
Sat 05 Oct	W 3-1	H	Leeds United	10th	26,204	Eltringham	Martin (20), Russell (23), Pearce (45), Hughes (78)
Sat 19 Oct	W 3-2	A	Watford	8th	16,180	Linington	Ward (8, 45), Forestieri (12), McGugan (68), Sammon (88)
Sat 26 Oct	D 1-1	H	Birmingham City	8th	27,141	East	Ward (39), Novak (66)
NOVEMBER							
Sat 02 Nov	L 1-2	A	Queens Park Rangers	11th	18,171	Moss	Jenas (11), Dawkins (23), Hill (63)
Sat 09 Nov	W 3-0	H	Sheffield Wednesday	9th	26,421	D. Webb	Buxton (45), Hughes (49), Martin (58)
Sat 23 Nov	W 1-0	A	Bournemouth	7th	10,720	Martin	Ward (61)
DECEMBER							
Sun 01 Dec	W 3-1	A	Wigan Athletic	5th	15,097	Coote	Bryson (3), Dawkins (15), Martin (29p), (Powell 50)
Wed 04 Dec	W 2-1	H	Middlesbrough	4th	24,631	A. Madley	Martin (45), Whitehead (74), Sammon (90)
Sat 07 Dec	W 5-1	H	Blackpool	4th	24,063	Haines	Osbourne (3), Martin (47p, 53, 69p), Bryson (57), Keogh (90)
Sat 14 Dec	W 2-0	A	Charlton Athletic	4th	16,871	Davies	Ward (32), Bryson (87)
Sat 21 Dec	W 3-1	H	Doncaster Rovers	4th	26,314	Miller	Ward (13), Dawkins (50), Buxton OG (64), Bryson (78)
Thu 26 Dec	D 1-1	A	Huddersfield Town	4th	18,159	Boyeson	Bryson (30), Paterson (86)
Sun 29 Dec	W 2-1	A	Barnsley	2nd	16,338	Heywood	Martin (8, 49), Cywka (62)

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RB = Right back
LB = Left back
CB = Centre Back

RM = Right midfield
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Squad as at 31st December

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Wed 01 Jan	L 0-1	H	Wigan Athletic	4th	26,740	D. Webb	Beausejour (69)
Sun 05 Jan	L 0-2	H	Chelsea (FAC3)	-	32,110	Marriner	Mikel (66), Oscar (71)
Fri 10 Jan	L 1-4	A	Leicester City	4th	23,140	Coote	de Laet (25), Nugent (48, 60p), de Laet OG (59) , Vardy (64)
Sat 18 Jan	W 1-0	H	Brighton and Hove Albion	4th	25,392	Haines	Bamford (76)
Sat 25 Jan	D 1-1	A	Blackburn Rovers	4th	13,796	Harrington	Gestede (47), Bamford (84)
Tue 28 Jan	W 3-2	H	Yeovil Town	4th	23,615	Simpson	Lundstram (25), Miller (34), Bamford (50) , Bryson (87), Martin (90)
FEBRUARY							
Sat 01 Feb	D 3-3	A	Birmingham City	4th	15,224	Pawson	Howard (48), Bamford (49) , Martin (59), Forsyth (73), Burke (78), Macheda (90)
Mon 10 Feb	W 1-0	H	Queens Park Rangers	4th	23,495	Naylor	Eustace (20)
Tue 18 Feb	W 1-0	A	Sheffield Wednesday	3rd	21,039	Bond	Bamford (78)
Sat 22 Feb	W 1-0	H	Bournemouth	3rd	27,306	Heywood	Martin (85)
MARCH							
Sat 01 Mar	L 0-2	A	Burnley	3rd	17,285	Madley	Jones (29), Marney (68)
Sat 08 Mar	L 0-1	H	Millwall	3rd	22,853	Russell	Morison (61)
Tue 11 Mar	19:45	H	Bolton Wanderers	-	-	-	-
Sat 15 Mar	15:00	A	Reading	-	-	-	-
Sat 22 Mar	12:15	H	Nottingham Forest	-	-	-	-
Tue 25 Mar	19:45	A	Ipswich Town	-	-	-	-
Sat 29 Mar	15:00	H	Charlton Athletic	-	-	-	-
APRIL							
Sat 05 Apr	15:00	A	Middlesbrough	-	-	-	-
Tue 08 Apr	20:00	A	Blackpool	-	-	-	-
Sat 12 Apr	15:00	H	Huddersfield Town	-	-	-	-
Fri 18 Apr	19:30	A	Doncaster Rovers	-	-	-	-
Mon 21 Apr	15:00	H	Barnsley	-	-	-	-
Sat 26 Apr	15:00	H	Watford	-	-	-	-
MAY							
Sat 03 May	12:15	A	Leeds United	-	-	-	-
Sat 17 May	-	-	FA Cup Final	-	-	-	-

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3	Craig FORSYTH	0000
4	Craig BRYSON	0000
5	Shaun BARKER	0000
6	Richard KEOGH	0000
7	Paul COUTTS	0000
8	Jeff HENDRICK	0000
9	Chris MARTIN	0000
10	Jamie WARD	0000
11	Johnny RUSSELL	0000
12	Lee NAYLOR	0000
14	John EUSTACE	0000
15	Mark O'BRIEN	0000
16	Ben DAVIES	0000
17	Kieron FREEMAN	0000
18	Conor SAMMON	0000
19	Will HUGHES	0000
20	Mason BENNETT	0000
21	Valentin GJOKAJ	0000
22	Callum BALL	0000
23	Michael HOGANSON	0000
24	Mats MORCH	0000
25	Jake BUXTON	0000
26	Adam LEGZDINS	0000
27	Zak WHITBREAD	0000
28	Jamie HANSON	0000
29	Max LOWE	0000
30	James BAILEY	0000
31	Kwame THOMAS	0000
32	Simon DAWKINS	0000
33	Andre WISDOM	0000
34	George THORNE	0000
35	Patrick BAMFORD	0000
37	Kelle ROOS	0000

BOLTON WANDERERS

MANAGER: Dougie FREEDMAN



App		Gls
1	Adam BOGDAN	0000
2	Tyrone MEARS	0000
3	Alan HUTTON	0000
4	Matt MILLS	0000
5	Tim REAM	0000
6	Jay SPEARING	0000
7	Chris EAGLES	0000
10	Jermaine BECKFORD	0000
11	Robert HALL	0000
12	Zat KNIGHT	0000
14	Andre MORITZ	0000
15	Alex BAPTISTE	0000
16	Mark DAVIES	0000
17	Liam TROTTER	0000
18	Neil DANNIS	0000
20	Joe RILEY	0000
21	Darren PRATLEY	0000
22	Stuart HOLDEN	0000
23	Marc TIERNEY	0000
24	Andy LONERGAN	0000
25	Joshua VELA	0000
26	Joe MASON	0000
27	Chung-YONG LEE	0000
28	Craig DAVIES	0000
29	Lukas JUTKIEWICZ	0000
31	David WHEATER	0000
32	Tom EAVES	0000
33	Hayden WHITE	0000
34	Jay LYNCH	0000
35	Conor WILKINSON	0000
36	Cian BOLGER	0000
37	Arran LEE-BARRETT	0000
38	Sanmi ODELUSI	0000
39	Chris LESTER	0000
40	Zach CLOUGH	0000
41	Oscar THRELKELD	0000
42	Luke WOODLAND	0000
43	Andrew KELLETT	0000
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